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## MSU Falls Short SGA Document Proposes On Flu Vaccines Executive Board Stipened

E-board Members Say They Were Unaware Of The Proposal

Chantal Gabel  
News Editor

For the second consecutive year, Montclair State health officials have announced a shortage of on-campus flu vaccinations.

Susan Skalsky, Director of University Health and Counseling Services, said the company the University receives the vaccinations from, Chiron, has not been able to provide them with the amount requested because, "the volume of production is so high."

350 vaccinations were pre-ordered last summer, and only 30 were delivered on Wednesday.

Skalsky said she has done everything she can to try to obtain the vaccinations, but there's not much anyone can do.

"Chiron is the 'middle-man,'" said Skalsky. "They are given the vaccinations from a separate supplier, and then [Chiron] distributes the vaccinations to whom ever orders. Right now, Chiron isn't getting the vaccinations either."

Skalsky sent out a University-wide e-mail Wednesday morning to inform everyone that there were 30 doses available, and by 2 p.m. that same day, the doses were already gone.

"Many people are in a rush to get the vaccinations because there's such a shortage," said Skalsky. "It's good to get them as soon as you can."

Junior elementary education major Jennifer Soltes is upset about the University's shortage. "I'm mad because I haven't gotten it, and I heard this year's flu season is going to be bad," she said. "I've gone to grocery stores where the lines were too long, and even after I waited I wasn't guaranteed a vaccination."

Skalsky remarked that when she sends University-wide e-mails, she often gets negative responses.

"Many students are upset that we can't provide the vaccinations," said Skalsky. "We are doing the best we can."

SEE 'VACCINES' ON P. 3

Chantal Gabel  
News Editor

SGA legislators, Damond Stubbs and Jennifer Solomon, have proposed a bill that would pay the members of the SGA Executive Board for their duties throughout the academic school year.

The bill states, "The executive board of the SGA works extremely hard throughout the academic year and is unable to get a part time job without effectively fulfilling all of their executive positions."

The E-board would be provided time sheets to record the hours each member worked weekly, which would be verified by the SGA bookkeeper or financial advisor and Attorney General.

The authors proposed that, the President, Angelo Lilla, Vice President, Amy Chicken, Secretary, Stephanie Sattelberger and Treasurer, Dave Kois would each be paid \$6.15 an hour.

Ultimately, when multiplying

this amount times a 25 - hour work week for each E-board member, they would be receiving a total of \$153.75 a week. This results in a final amount of \$19,680 for a full school year. In essence, 6,037 students would each have to pay \$3.26 to accumulate such funds.

Students such as freshman justice studies major Susan Rindosh does not approve of the idea. "I don't want their salary coming out of my pocket," she said.

Jessie Lewin, secretary of the theatrical organization Players, said it's not fair they get paid and other organizations don't. "I do a lot of hard work with Players and I don't get paid, so why should they?" said Lewin.

Freshman political science major Matt Brittingham said the bill "badly reflects the SGA."

The E-board said they had no knowledge of the proposal.

"We were surprised when we heard this," said Lilla. "We came into these positions voluntarily, not

expecting any kind of money. [The legislators] did this as a nice gesture for us."

Chicken said if this bill did pass, future E-board members would run for the positions for the wrong reasons.

RHA President Pierre Johnson believes the SGA needs to prioritize. "They can get a part-time job and still fulfill their elected positions," he said. "It's inappropriate."

Kois is disappointed he wasn't asked his opinion on the topic. "You would think [the legislators] would have brought this up to us," said Kois. "It puts us in an uncomfortable position."

The bill will be voted on at next Wednesday's SGA meeting, however Lilla said he would not allow the bill to be put into effect. "If the bill were to pass, I would veto it," said Lilla.

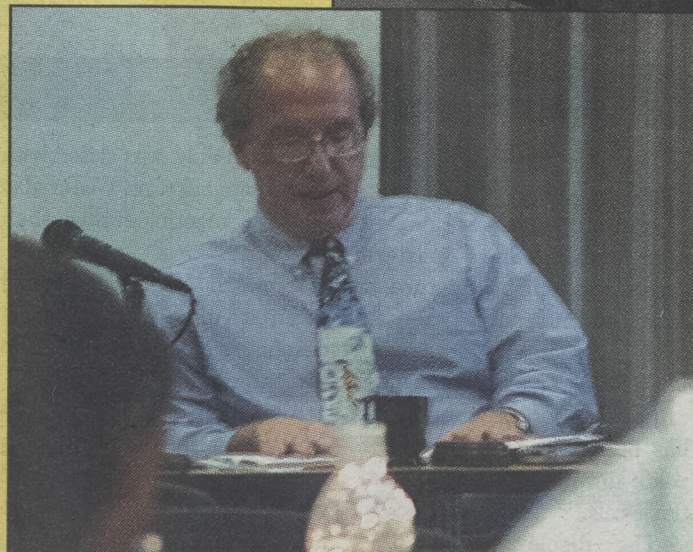
Stubbs could not be reached for comment, and Solomon said she does not want to comment until the bill has been voted on.

## SGA Bill Reaches University Senate

SGA legislators Jenn Solomon and Jeremy Slagle proposed a bill to the University Senate Wednesday, requesting that the University be "closed to classes and all business offices," on the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur. The holiday is labeled as a "state holiday" in 13 states including New Jersey.



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According to University Senate President Jack Samuels (left), the bill was deferred to the Adhoc committee, a special committee forum that analyzes a specific topic. "It's disheartening that people can't make a decision about such an important issue," said Samuels. The bill states that, "if MSU would like to continue to claim being so diverse, it should close for Yom Kippur."

## RHA Proposes New Requirements

Douglas McIntyre  
Staff Writer

Due to a lack of participation and attendance, the Residence Hall Association has undergone several changes in their Assembly members and policy.

In order to become part of the Residential Assembly in the RHA, which includes a District Governor for each of the residence halls, one must fill out a packet of information containing a petition that must be signed by 25 students.

At a Nov. 14 assembly meeting, only eight of the 23 Assembly members attended.

At this meeting, the Executive Board decided to void all 23 petitions and require that Assembly members submit new petitions.

They changed the amount of signatures required to 40, and may vote to raise the number to 100 for next semester.

The change was met with opposition. Assembly Member

DonnaKay McFadden said she is "highly upset regarding the manner in which the Executive Board discarded and voided out 23 Residential Assembly petitions."

Since the change, the Assembly has lost some members, some of which have been replaced.

Two such members of the Assembly that failed to attend the Nov. 14 meeting, without notifying any of the other members, were Executive Secretary Diana Abreu and Wellesley Inn District Governor Leilah Bowser.

As a result, RHA President Pierre Johnson, with the advice and consent of the rest of the Cabinet and Executive Board, asked them to resign.

Bowser accepted the request that she resign, and expressed her gratitude for being able to work with the RHA for two semesters.

SEE 'REQUIREMENTS' ON P. 3



## MSU Campus Calendar

THURSDAY 1	MONDAY 5
Worlds AIDS Day Breakfast, SC Commuter Lounge	HEART: Help Feed The Hungry, SC Ballroom C, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Day Without Art, Campus-wide, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
FRIDAY 2	TUESDAY 6
Theater: The House of Bernarda Alba, Fox Theatre, 1 p.m., 7 p.m.	Expressive Movement, Drop-In Center, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Muic: Guitar Recital, McEachern Hall, 8 p.m.	Cookies and Culture, Alice Paul Lounge, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
SATURDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 7
ICC Talent Show, SC Ratt, 6 p.m.	President Joins SBUS School Meeting, PA 113, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Theater: The House of Bernarda Alba, Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m.	ISO Movie Night, SC Commuter Lounge, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY 4	
Music: Great Scott! MSU Symphonic Band w/Jeffrey Scott, French horn, Kasser Theatre, 3 p.m.	Men's Basketball v. Ramapo, Panzer Gym, 6 p.m.
	Women's Basketball v. Ramapo, Panzer Gym, 8 p.m.

## SGA Notes

- Bill passed for Japan Matching Fund Appropriation

- Bill passed for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Matching Fund Appropriation

- Bill passed for MSU Dietetic Organization Appropriation

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## The Police Report:

### Thefts and Vandalism Threaten Campus

11/23/05 - A male student reported that the side view mirror of his vehicle was broken off.

11/23/05 - An unknown person discharged a fire extinguisher on the 10th floor of Bohn Hall. This case is under investigation.

11/24/05 - A Sodexo food services manager reported that the Red Hawk Diner had been burglarized. An unknown individual broke into the diner through a rear door and then pried open an interior office door where two safes are located. No money was reported missing and there were no other reports of stolen items.

11/27/05 - A Blanton Hall resident reported the theft of her purse from lot 20A. The victim stated that she mistakenly left her purse near her vehicle in the lot as she was moving items into Blanton Hall.

11/27/05 - The University Police Department responded to a Williams Hall apartment on report of a domestic fight. Upon arrival a female victim stated that she was involved in a verbal fight with her boyfriend and that he did not strike her. She did not want to pursue criminal charges. She had several signs of injuries. The UPD is preparing an arrest warrant for the victim's boyfriend.

11/28/05 - A male commuter student reported the theft of his parking permit from his vehicle. This case is under investigation.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-I-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

## Local News

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NEWARK - An elderly man who tried to stay warm using a gasoline-powered generator was found dead in his home Sunday, the victim of carbon monoxide poisoning, authorities said yesterday.

The 78-year-old man, identified by neighbors as Ulysses Lee, obtained the rented generator after his electricity was cut off 10 days ago, said Newark Detective Hubert Henderson.

When emergency personnel arrived at the North 7th Street home, they found the generator

running in the kitchen and the windows closed. There was no sign of ventilation, Henderson said.

Lee was found in his bed, said Corey Sapp, who lives two doors down from Lee's beige and blue-gray home.

Lee's electricity was cut off nearly two weeks ago, he was using the generators for heat.

ESSEX - Two prominent, long-time attorneys in Essex County have been accused of pilfering money from their firm and tak-

ing money from a client without doing the job.

The complaints, spelled out in papers by the state Office of Attorney Ethics, charges David R. Gross, one of the state's top commercial litigators, and Eldridge Hawkins, a longtime civil rights attorney in East Orange.

Gross is accused of pocketing a \$50,000 check instead of disbursing the proceeds among his partners.

EAST ORANGE - A man who

was reported missing Saturday night was found shot to death in a car Sunday night, authorities said.

David Gordon, 24, was found at 9 p.m. near 61 South Munn Ave. with multiple gunshot wounds.

Gordon had been reported missing Saturday evening by his girlfriend, police said. Police discovered the body after witnesses had noticed that a parked car had not been moved in days and called police Sunday evening, said the county Prosecutor.

## National News

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Supreme Court takes on two high-profile abortion cases this week, refocusing attention on one of the court's biggest judicial and social conflicts.

"This law does seem to be crafted to demand some kind of Supreme Court review," said former clerk to Justice Blackmun, Edward Lazarus. "It really goes to this question of how much you have to protect the life versus the health of the mother. That comes from the initial ruling in Roe v. Wade."

The most-watched case,

to be argued Wednesday, deals with a 2003 New Hampshire law that would make it illegal for an abortion to be performed on a minor unless a parent or legal guardian had been notified in writing 48 hours in advance. The only exception would be if the procedure was necessary to prevent the minor's death.

A federal appeals court found that exception is not broad enough, ruled it unconstitutional and blocked it from taking effect.

DENVER, CO - On Tuesday

during a visit to the U.S.-Mexican border, President Bush said any decisions he makes will be based on the recommendations of top U.S. commanders.

"If they tell me we need more troops, we'll provide more troops," he said. "If they tell me we've got a sufficient level of troops, that'll be the level of troops."

About 159,000 American troops are in Iraq, up from about 138,000 in the summer.

RICHMOND, VA - Virginia's

governor on Tuesday spared the life of a convicted killer who would have been the 1,000th person executed in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Robin Lovitt's death sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole a little more than 24 hours before he was to be executed by injection Wednesday night for stabbing a man to death with a pair of scissors during a 1998 pool-hall robbery.

## International News

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BAGHDAD - Al-Jazeera has aired video from a previously unknown group showing four kidnapped Western aid workers affiliated with a Christian Peacemaker Teams, a Christian organization in Iraq, along with a statement from the group calling them spies.

They disappeared on Saturday in Baghdad.

CPT identified the men as Thomas W. Fox, 54, of Virginia; Dr. Norman Frank Kember, 74, of Britain; James Loney, 41, of Toronto; and Harmeet Singh

Sooden, 32, a Canadian who has been studying in New Zealand.

Fox, from Clear Brook, Virginia, is a father of two children has been in Iraq for two years.

Kember, a pacifist and peace activist from London, is married with two daughters and a 3-year-old grandson. He is a retired professor of medicine.

Loney, leader of the CPT delegation, is a community worker who has been a CPT member for more than five years. He has taken testimonies from families

of detainees for CPT's report on detainee abuse.

Sooden is an electrical engineer studying for a master's degree in English literature at Auckland University.

LONDON - The world's biggest exhibition of priceless diamonds has been forced to close after police uncovered a plot to steal the jewels.

The display, which has attracted more than 70,000 visitors since it opened at the Natural History Museum in

London in July, was closed with immediate effect on Wednesday -- three months earlier than planned.

Scotland Yard said it had received intelligence that a criminal gang was planning to target the exhibition.

The display included the De Beers Millennium Star - a 203-carat pear-shaped diamond which was a target for thieves in a foiled robbery attempt on the Millennium Dome in 2000.



## VACCINES

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Skalsky also remarked that many students ask why they are unable to receive a vaccination when they are paying a \$6.50 health fee.

"The fee doesn't cover the price of medications and vaccines," said Skalsky. "[Students and faculty] need to pay for the vaccine to cover the cost of the vaccine itself and the cost of the lab."

The fee is currently \$13, "two dollars less than last year," according to Skalsky.

Last year, the university's Wellness Center was instructed to only give vaccinations to high risk patients, and any left over vaccines would go to the local health department to give to their high risk patients.

This year, the Center can give the vaccinations to anyone who wishes to receive them.

In order to protect students and faculty from contracting the flu, Skalsky has put some tips on Montclair State's Wellness Center website.

Skalsky said there's no way of telling when more vaccinations will be received. In the meantime, anyone who wishes to receive the vaccinations are advised to visit a local clinic.

## MSU Offers Online Job Database

Montclair State University is one of 28 colleges and universities statewide that have teamed up to offer the region's first online jobs database aimed at helping higher education institutions attract and retain a diverse work force.

The New Jersey Higher Education Recruitment Consortium, which is free to job seekers, was launched Nov. 15 and allows job seekers to search the full range of positions at colleges and universities, including professor, secretary, laboratory technician and kitchen staff.

"The recruiting of talented faculty and staff is a pre-eminent activity for Montclair State University," said Joan C. Ficke, associate vice president for Academic Affairs for Personnel and Resource Planning. "This is an additional, and valuable, tool that will enable us to find and attract diverse and accomplished candidates to our campus."

The New Jersey database currently lists more than 1,700 academic and staff jobs at the participating colleges and universities, and is growing.

Couples looking for two placements in academia may search for jobs at the same institution, a region of the state (north, cen-

tral, south) or statewide.

Universities and college officials have found that difficulty in addressing the job

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needs of applicants' partners was a major obstacle to attracting a diverse applicant pool.

The Web-based system is the first of its kind on the East Coast and the first statewide Higher Education Recruitment Consortium in the country, though it was inspired by a similar initiative in California. In that state, two regional groups offer separate databases for colleges and universities in northern and southern portions of the state.

The New Jersey consortium was initiated as part of a continuing effort to address work-family issues facing higher education. The consortium unites both private and public institutions from across the higher-education spectrum—universities, colleges and community colleges—to expand the recruitment of job candidates.

"We want to collaborate effectively to develop a family-friendly recruiting movement that will help New Jersey institutions retain a diverse group of faculty and staff," said Gilda Paul, director of the consortium, which is housed at Princeton University. "We hope to someday be part of a national group of education consortia as more colleges and universities collaborate across the country."

Article courtesy of Insight Online

## REQUIREMENTS

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Abreu has yet to submit a formal resignation. The Executive Board has now notified the Attorney General to inquire about impeachment proceedings.

Johnson said that Assembly members were beginning to follow a relaxed routine regarding residents' issues. "However, we believe that advocacy is an ongoing project, not a once in a while type deal."

Because the Assembly members are required to fill out a petition, Johnson believes that they should always represent the students, and not only within the RHA meetings.

Abreu's absence required immediate replacement, according to Johnson, because "It would be very difficult for the organization to function without an Executive Secretary."

Johnson asked Jazmine Parker, then Blanton Hall Governor, to fill in as Acting Executive Secretary until elections are held to fill the position for the remainder of the academic year.

He said she has "a great possibility of being voted in by the assembly to becoming the permanent secretary."

Parker's position as Blanton Hall District Governor has been filled by Matthew Brittingham, who applied for

the position when he heard that Parker would act as Executive Secretary.

The Assembly may not replace Bowser's District Governor position for Wellesley Inn.

They are deciding whether to include Wellesley Inn as a residential district at all, though their constitution states they

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Pierre Johnson

President of Resident Hall Association

must include any district that is used for housing, even if it is considered temporary.

Previously, the position of Bohn Hall District Governor was vacated when Nikhilesh Gorukanti was asked to resign by fellow Cabinet members. Johnson appointed LeChelle Herron to fill the position.

## Education Department To Attain \$5 Million Grant

Shayna Jacobs  
Staff Writer

The Education Department will receive a \$5 million grant as part of the Teachers for a New Era Learning Network, chosen as one of 30 out of 1,000 colleges and universities in the country in an effort to fortify elementary and secondary teaching.

The terms of the grant acceptance require the university to match the donation with \$5 million.

"Recent research based on large datasets linking individual pupil records with specific teachers in many different cities and states has established beyond doubt that the quality of the teacher has a profound influence on pupil learning," says the organization's website.

There were four institutions chosen

when the program started in 2002, and five chosen in 2003. Montclair State was selected in 2005, along with Johns Hopkins University, Vanderbilt University, and New York University.

The University of Connecticut, chosen in 2003, hosted a conference on bilingual education in early November as part of their program.

"The TNE emphasis on identifying ways in which pre-service students contribute to pupil learning led me make significant changes in several methods courses I currently teach; the support of the TNE Teaching Assessment Initiative was an important catalyst for bringing about these improvements," said University of Virginia Education Professor, Eleanor Wilson.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Annenberg and Ford Foundations sponsor the network.

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11394 BUS 101 277	T	CR	TBA		
<b>BUS 105 – ORGANIZATION &amp; MANAGEMENT – 3 Credits</b>					
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<b>BUS 201 – BUSINESS LAW I – 3 Credits</b>					
BUS 201 230	I	CR	TBA		
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10096 ECO 202 200		CR	MTWR		1245PM-0430PM
<b>ENG 101 – ENGLISH COMPOSITION I – 3 Credits</b>					
10277 ENG 101 200		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1245PM
10278 ENG 101 201		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1245PM
<b>ENG 102 – ENGLISH COMPOSITION II – 3 Credits</b>					
10316 ENG 102 200		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1245PM
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10337 ENG 128 200		CR	MTWR		1245PM-0415PM
<b>ENG 129 – PUBLIC SPEAKING – 3 Credits</b>					
10347 ENG 129 200		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1245PM
<b>FIA 105 – MUSIC APPRECIATION – 3 Credits</b>					
11276 FIA 105 200		CR	MTWR		0830AM-1215PM
<b>GEY 101 – PHYSICAL GEOLOGY – 4 Credits</b>					
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<b>GEY 290 – INDEPENDENT STUDY IN GEOLOGY – 3 Credits</b>					
GEY 290 201	I	CR	TBA	(4 sections)	
<b>HIS 101 – INTRO TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION I – 3 Credits</b>					
10134 HIS 101 200		CR	MTWR		0830AM-1215PM

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<b>HIS 102 – INTRO WESTERN CIVILIZATION II – 3 Credits</b>					
10145 HIS 102 200		CR	MTWR		1245PM-0430PM
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MAT 011 200		CR	MTWR		0530PM-0845PM
<b>MAT 015 – BEGINNING ALGEBRA I – 3 Credits</b>					
MAT 015 200		CR	MTWR		0530PM-0845PM
<b>MAT 117 – INTRO TO MATH IDEAS – 3 Credits</b>					
MAT 117 290	I	CR	MR		0830AM-1215PM
<b>MAT 119 – ALGEBRA – 3 Credits</b>					
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10541 MAT 119 201		CR	MTWR		
<b>PED 101 – CONCEPTS-ADULT FITNESS – 2 Credits</b>					
10703 PED 101 200		CR	TR		0800AM-1200PM
PED 101 201		CR	TR		0540PM-0940PM
<b>PED 107 – DECISIONS FOR WELLNESS-LEC – 3 Credits</b>					
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<b>PED 110 – BEGINNING GOLF – 1 Credit</b>					
10707 PED 110 200		CR	R		1200PM-0400PM
<b>PED 290 – INDEPENDENT STUDY IN FITNESS &amp; WELLNESS – 1 to 4 Credits</b>					
PED 290 201	I	CR	TBA	(4 sections)	
<b>PED 295 – INDEPENDENT STUDY IN BEGINNING GOLF – 1 Credit</b>					
PED 295 200	I	CR	TBA		
<b>PSY 101 – GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY – 3 Credits</b>					
10754 PSY 101 200		CR	MTWR		0830AM-1215PM
<b>PSY 102 – PSYCHOLOGY OF PERSONALITY – 3 Credits</b>					
10767 PSY 102 200		CR	MTWR		0830AM-1215PM
<b>PSY 205 – CHILD PSYCHOLOGY – 3 Credits</b>					
10787 PSY 205 200		CR	MTWR		0830AM-1215PM
<b>SOC 101 – PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY – 3 Credits</b>					
10825 SOC 101 200		CR	MTWR		0830AM-1215PM
<b>SPA 101 – BEGINNING SPANISH I – 3 Credits</b>					
10212 SPA 101 200		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1230PM
<b>SPA 102 – BEGINNING SPANISH II – 3 Credits</b>					
10194 SPA 102 200		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1230PM
<b>UCC 101 – FIRST YEAR SEMINAR – 2 Credits</b>					
UCC 101 200		CR	MTWR		0900AM-1130AM
UCC 101 201		CR	MTWR		0505PM-0735PM

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January 6 and 12, 2006 are make-up days for winter session. If demand requires, additional sections may be added.

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# High Oil Prices Are Here To Stay, Who's To Blame?

## MSU Students Are Forced To Spend More Money Filling Up Their Gas Tanks .

Alex Wolff  
Assistant Feature Editor

Student's wallets are back to normal size now that oil prices have come off their extreme highs. We no longer have to drop 200 bucks in a single month to fill up our tanks. However, we are not out of the woods yet. With global oil demand steadily increasing, coupled by a limited supply of the black stuff, the United States along with the rest of the world can expect high prices for the near term.

Hoping for the prices at the pump to come down? Well keep praying. Today's high-energy prices are carried on the back of strong global demand. In the past, high oil prices were triggered by supply disruptions from OPEC; pump prices sky rocketed, long lines formed and the economy suffered. Nonetheless, fuel prices dropped to normal levels when supply came back online. This time is different.

"The towering prices of oil this fall reflect high global demand in places like China and India, combined with fears that hurricane Katrina would make significant supply disruptions in refining capacity in the gulf," said Professor Phillip Lebel, Department of Economics and Finance.

The excessive global energy demand is led by The United States and China. So far, the U.S. has shrugged off the higher oil prices "because of its improved energy efficiency," says Lebel, but how long will that last?

America increasingly consumes one quarter of the world's energy, while China subsidizes its oil prices, artificially lowering domestic prices and increasing consumption. Consequently, a short supply and a strong

demand have pushed oil prices up to a new equilibrium price level, "the \$50 to \$60 range," says Lebel. What's more is that the oil futures markets, an indicator of future prices, show prices of \$54 for December 2010, not very encouraging.

There are people who argue that in real terms, adjusted for inflation, oil prices are not higher than those experienced in the

**"The towering prices of oil this fall reflect high global demand in places China and India ..."**

Professor Phillip Lebel, Department of Economics and Finance

late 70s. During those times, our parents were ordered to fill up on odd or even days and often waited 30 minutes only to find an empty well.

Tell that to the thousands of commuter students at MSU who drive considerable distances to work and school. Oil prices especially after Rita and Katrina were disastrous. The only thing that MSU students can be thankful for now is that the Hurricane season is over.

The fact is that global oil consumption is increasing rapidly and prices will not come down on the back of a demand driven market. China has single handedly accounted for one third of the global oil demand growth since 2000 and oil consumption per person is only one fifteenth of American consumption. Most



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**The U.S. & China are trapped in an oil coma. How much sucking will cure their oil addiction?**

of China's increase in oil demand comes from industrialization and not from people driving around in cars. However, "about 30 to 40 million people are moving to cities annually in China, says Lebel. Talk about an urban sprawl; this translates into higher energy consumption.

It is scary to think what will happen when China and their Indian counter parts, accounting for one third of the world's population, toss aside their bikes and start driving. God forbid they start driving around in Hummers:

The bottom line is that higher oil prices

are detrimental to consumer's wallets; although they are the only mechanism to cure the U.S. oil addiction. Day after day of waking up with empty pockets and splitting headaches may open our eyes to American's petroholism problem.

Higher oil prices will force the U.S. to undertake energy conservation, exploration and production. Over the long run the high oil prices will come down and the petroholics will be cured. However, it is sad that prices instead of conservation and awareness are what will encourage Americans to conserve and research alternative energy sources.

# It's Time To Get Skinny On Skinny Water

## Drinking Water Before Meals Can Help You Cut The Pounds

Stacy Berkowitz  
Montclair State Dietetic Org.

It seems that whether you turn on the radio, the TV or read billboards, there is one theme: weight. As a society we have become so focused on weight, women especially, that companies are constantly coming out with new pills or special drinks that claim they will make us lose weight. The problem is that many people try these quick fixes without fully understanding the product and without trying the methods recommended by registered dietitians (RDs).

One of quick-fix products on the market (that is also being advertised on our local radio stations) is called Jana Skinny Water. The company advertises that by drinking Jana Skinny water before meals, you will lose weight. The website (www.skinnywater.com) for this product aims to be modern, bright, and full of supporting information. The problem is that most of the information is very misleading. The website explains a study that was completed showing that a group of people given Skinny Water lost more weight than a group given a placebo. The average reader will see this and assume that the cause of weight loss is due to their product. However, there are many other things to consider. For one, registered dietitians agree that drinking natural water before meals may also result in weight loss. The truth is that many people do not drink the recommended eight glasses of water per day.

Michelle Gursky, an RD specializing in eating disorders in Princeton, says "If someone who is not sufficiently hydrated tries Skinny Water and notices a change in their system, they may believe that it is something special about the product that is having an effect on them. However, in actuality, it would just be the fact that they are drinking any water at all, and they would be afforded the same results by just drinking more natural water."

Another problem with the study described on the Skinny Water website has to do with the other changes made by each participant. Each person began drinking Skinny Water, was placed on a diet by a trained dietitian and began an exercise program supervised by a trained exercise specialist. How can the company rightfully claim that the active ingredient in Skinny Water was the reason each person lost weight? Additionally, Heather Cunningham, RD for Sodexo in Jersey City,

noted that the website did not disclose gender information about each group.

Generally speaking, men lose more weight more quickly than women; so if the group given

Skinny Water was all men, this could have explained why they lost more weight than the placebo group. The Skinny Water may have had nothing to do with the results!

There is one other important fact to be aware of if you are considering Skinny Water, "One of the main reasons that I would not recommend Skinny Water as a safe and effective drink is due to its lack of approval by the Food and Drug Administration

(FDA)," explains Gursky. Throughout the website, strong claims are made regarding the effectiveness of Skinny Water. However, they are followed by a footnote denoting that the FDA has not evaluated those statements. Would you put something into your body that the FDA has not deemed as safe?

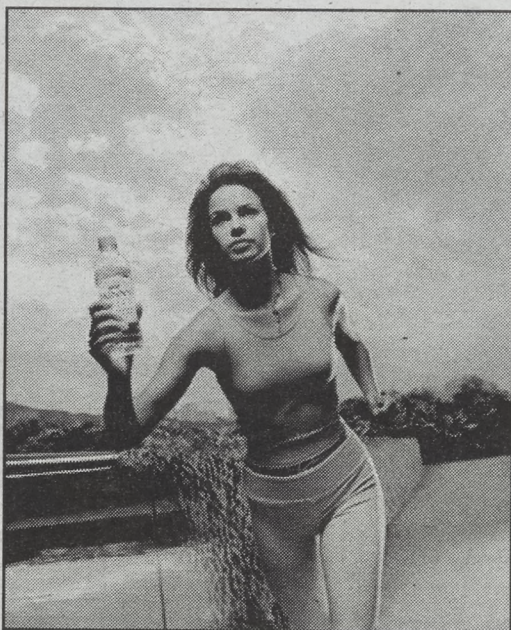
Jana Skinny Water is just a representative

of a host of weight loss products advertised as safe and effective. The truth is that many of these products are actually harmful for our bodies or simply ineffective. Dietitians everywhere do not recommend many of them as safe or effective ways to lose weight or maintain a healthy weight.

Cunningham recommends lifestyle changes in order to promote weight loss and health maintenance: "Research consistently supports that a healthy diet, high in whole grains, lean protein sources, fruits and vegetables along with regular exercise promote weight loss and has other significant benefits in stress management and disease prevention. As an RD and fitness enthusiast, for long-term use I suggest making gradual lifestyle changes to promote weight loss versus products."

Take control of what you put into your body and do your own research of any magic pill, fad diet or another quick fix. Remember that you will always see results and continue to be healthy when you eat a well-balanced healthy diet, stay hydrated and exercise.

Unfortunately, companies that put out weight loss products are no different than any other business; their main concern is their bottom line and don't necessarily care about you losing weight or being healthy. Gursky explains that these companies make billions of dollars each year, "So if something sounds too good to be true, it just may be." If you are interested in joining MSDO, please contact basbustee@gmail.com or saturn33376@hotmail.com.



courtesy of www.skinnywater.com/faq.htm

**Are you ready to drink water instead of beer with dinner?**



# How to Buy Gifts On A College Budget

Going Christmas Shopping for Five of Your Closest Friends And Family Members With \$100 To Spend

Jessica Suico  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Holiday gift giving is a time-honored tradition meant to commercialize products and wring the wallets of shoppers dry. Poor college students, that have tiny budgets and no idea what to give the most important people in their lives, feel the stress and pain of gift giving even more.

For those on a budget, it is even more difficult to find gifts that are reasonably priced and still have meaning for every person in your family. But with lots of investigation and patience, it is possible to find the perfect gift for everyone in your family—including your significant other—for less than a hundred dollars.

One of the hardest people to shop for in your family has got to be your mother. Mom: the person who gave birth to you and will never let you forget it. She has taken care of you for so many years that you think you'd know her like the back of your hand. But no, this is never the case because—if she is like my mom—she is one of the most finicky people you have ever met, which is why it would be best to give your mother something that would help repair damage that has been building up since you were little.

A mother's touch is very important to children in their growth and development stages and even now, the touch of your mother is as soothing as it was in your youth. Unfortunately, mothers are constantly working with their hands, fixing things with their hands, over washing them and not having the proper tools to maintain them prop-

erly. So the Bliss Super-Hydrating Hand Aid System is an amazing gift to give if your mother—like my mother the nurse—is constantly abusing her hands, causing them to become dry, cracked and sore. At twenty-eight dollars a set, it includes a 2.5 oz. High Intensity Hand Cream and a 0.5 oz. Nail & Cuticle Supergroom. This indispensable set for hands is part of the hand care regimen most prescribed by professional manicurists and pedicurists. This set is available at Sephora stores worldwide.

The second hardest person to shop for is probably your dad. The usual gift of a pair of socks or a tie is good, but it is given without any real thought. There really isn't any meaning to the gift because it is just assumed that he would enjoy the gift. Observing your dad and what he enjoys doing is a good way to find out what he would really appreciate for the holiday season.

Most dads—like my own—are big fans of fishing. Be it fishing at lakes or deep-sea fishing, dads' love the calm, or the excitement, fishing brings. Which is why the Plano 737 Three-Drawer Tackle Box is the best gift to give to dads that are serious anglers.

The Plano 737 tackle box offers complete storage and protection for all of his bait and tackle gear for his fishing needs. With a top-access storage area meant to keep favorite items close at hand and 3 large drawers to keep his other tackle organized, it is the perfect gift for his next adventure in fishing. And at \$29.99 from Walmart, it's a steal that'll have him satisfied for years.

Having a teenage sister to buy a gift for has got to be the easiest thing nowadays.

All you have to do is go into her room, flip through one of her annoying little teenage magazines and you have all the choices in the world. Which is why this next gift is a no-brainer.

Heralded by nearly all of her magazines, the ballerina flat is the easiest gift to give to her. No matter what age she is, she will love the Xhilaration Annie Gold Ballerina Flats from Target and at \$12.99 it is a steal. These flats have been featured in magazines such as *Lucky* and *Seventeen*, so you know that these are the best gift to give.

Up next is the little brother and he is another easy one to get gifts for. At the age of around nine or 10, it's safe to say that SpongeBob is the right way to go. Still loved and watched at that age, SpongeBob is every "cool" kid's hero.

Which is why the new SpongeBob SquarePants Deluxe Ice Cream Server and Snocone Maker is another no-brainer. Kids love ice cream treats and SpongeBob so putting those two together is like a match made in heaven. And at \$14.99 from Target, it is another steal that is hard to pass up. You will become his favorite person without breaking the bank this Holiday season.

And last, but definitely not least, the significant other has the end of the budget. But with only about fifteen dollars in your pocket left, what is there left to give? This is where a person with a boyfriend or a girlfriend should get creative to really show you care.

For girls giving to their guys, something not-so-wholesome would probably be the best bet. I mean, come on, every guy likes to have a naughty girl once-in-a-while, so these

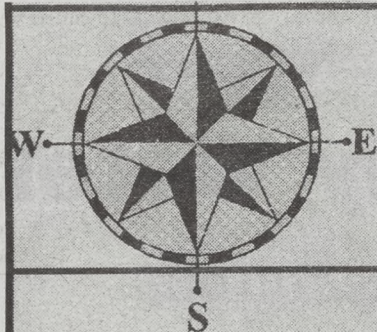
Naughty or Nice Coupons from *Amazon.com* is a good way to treat your guy for a number of times during the holidays. And at \$5.95 and ninety-six pages of fun, it's a bargain that will keep him very happy well in to the New Year.

For a guy finding something to give to his girl, this is where he should get creative and really show her you care. Though a bracelet from Tiffany's might be out of your budget, something else might touch her heart even more.

This might sound a little corny, but from a girl's perspective, it has the possibility to turning her into a puddle. Buy a nice calendar—something not too mushy with horses or flower, but with romantic art, such as the Gustav Klimt 2006 Calendar from *Amazon.com*—and depending on how long you two have gone out, mark each date that was a milestone in that relationship and future dates that will show her how much you want to stay with her.

It sounds sappy, but doing this will show how attentive you are in that relationship and that you really do care for everything that has happened to the two of you. Buying the calendar at \$12.99 will also keep you under budget and time to amass more money for the next holiday season, when she might be anticipating the bracelet from Tiffany's then.

This is only a suggestion for things to give to your family this holiday season. But it is important to remember that the best gift to give any person this season is a lot of love and attention, so remember to spend the Holidays with people you love and will cherish forever.



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*Dear J and J,*

*I've been in a relationship for about two months, but lately I'm beginning to feel like it was a mistake to get involved. I want to end the relationship, but don't want to hurt my girlfriend's feelings. Is there an easy way to break up with someone?*

**Jose Ortiz**  
Managing Editor

To answer your question in short, no there is no easy way to break up with someone, just like there is no easy way to fire someone. But what you have to consider is if it will be harder to break up with someone and possibly hurt their feelings or to stay in a relationship that you don't want to be in.

Two months isn't such a long time and unless you've got a weirdo on your hands you shouldn't be breaking her heart so badly, and the break up could go more smoothly then you might expect. The best thing to do is to just be honest, but not harsh.

Tell her that you don't think the relationship is working for either of you, and tell her why. Chances are good that she feels exactly the same way as you, and unhappy in the relationship as well.

You can't be concerned with hurting her feelings. If you don't say anything you will just prolong a bad situation.

Another important tip is to make sure that you stop hooking up with her. By continuing to have sex with her, if you've gotten that far, you will just make her think that you are still interested in her, while you are really just interested in a small part of her.

By being afraid of what she might say or do, and delaying your decision, you will be continuing to invest more time into the relationship. The more time invested, the more difficult the separation; the quicker you can get this situation resolved, the better it will be for you and your soon-to-be ex-girlfriend.

One of the most important things to remember in a break-up is to be clear about your reasons and your problems.

Any ambiguity could lead to a misinterpretation on either your part or hers then to confusion. This is generally the case in relationships where couple breaks-up and together over and over again.

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Chances are that when and if you break up with this girl, you may have to do it again and maybe another time after that. The first one rarely sticks, and more than likely you will have to drill your message into her head, but stay firm and don't let tears move you.

**Jessica Havery**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Break-ups are something that every person approaches differently. You could pull a "Berger," a la sex In The City, and leave your girlfriend a post-it note breakup. And there's always the over-the-phone method, which, at this day in age, could be reduced to an "I'm just not that into you" text message.

Just because these methods have worked for others, doesn't make them right. And you have already invested enough time to make most break-up methods seem heinous. For you, there doesn't seem to be any alternative to the in-person break up. And like removing a band-aid, the best way to pull your disappearing act is quickly. The sooner you do it and stop beating around the bush, the sooner each of you can get on with your lives.

Of course, that doesn't mean your girlfriend will move on, especially if she was blindsided to change of heart. Jerry Seinfeld once said that breakups are like "trying to push over a vending machine. You can't do it in one push; you have to rock it back and forth and few times." Simply put, you might have to break up with her a few times before she really gets the bigger picture.

Women say that we aren't hard headed, but sometimes we need to hear things a few

times before it really sinks in. If she wasn't expecting a breakup, she'll have questions and concerns about what really caused it. Be patient with her and explain the true reasons, even if they hurt her feelings. As much as heartache sucks, it would be even worse to break up with someone and not be honest about the truth behind the relationship. You, at the very least, owe your girlfriend some insight and knowledge that she can carry to future relationships.

Next time you're presented with the opportunity to start a relationship, consider whether it's

what you really want. To take on the responsibility of caring for someone's feelings is more important than most people believe. This isn't the sixth grade anymore. Relationships aren't just holding hands and pulling pig tails.

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# Gays' Plight in Military

Richard Whittle  
KRTCampus

Stacy Vasquez is a former Army recruiter who was booted out for being a lesbian in 2003 after 12 years in uniform. Tommy Cook's tour in Army intelligence ended the same year at Fort Hood, Texas, after he acknowledged he was gay. Both were in jobs the Army regards as crucial these days.

If Vasquez and Cook had been in the British army, they would have fared differently. Since 1999, the United Kingdom has allowed gays and lesbians to serve openly. Starting next month, some gay couples will even be eligible for married housing on British bases.

The U.S. military, by contrast, drums out hundreds of gays and lesbians each year under the 1993 law known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," even as an Army stressed by major deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan falls thousands short of its recruiting goals.

And while gay-rights advocates cite Britain's experience as evidence that they could serve openly without disrupting the military's social fabric, neither Congress nor the Pentagon show any interest in repealing the statute.

"I know of no move along those lines," Army Secretary Francis Harvey said earlier this year.

Congress based the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy on a finding that allowing gays to serve openly could disrupt the military's unit cohesion by creating tensions among soldiers and eroding morale.

"People in the military are forced into situations with an extreme lack of privacy, in the barracks, in the foxhole and so forth," said Peter Sprigg, vice president for policy at the Family Research Council, a conservative research and lobbying group that focuses on family issues. "It is unfair to put people in the military in a position of forced intimacy with people who may be viewing them as a sexual object."

More than 10,000 service members have been discharged in the dozen years since the law took effect, replacing a previous outright ban on gays in the military.

The Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy allows gays and lesbians to serve, but only if they refrain from "homosexual conduct," defined as "a homosexual act, an admission or statement of homosexuality, or marriage or attempted marriage between persons of the same gender."

The Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, found in February that 757 of the nearly 9,500 service members expelled during the first 10 years of the law held "critical occupations." They included 54 Arabic speakers, for example.

"The war in Iraq highlights the short-sightedness of discharging Arabic linguists who happen to be gay," wrote Lt. Col. Allen B. Bishop, a West Point professor who argued for the law's repeal in a March Army Times commentary.

Gay-rights advocates say the military actually has eased its enforcement of this policy, Don't Tell under the pressure of wartime manpower needs. The number of those discharged for violating the law has declined sharply since President Bush declared the global war on terror, from 1,227 to 653 annually.

"If you look at the decrease in numbers, they start immediately after Sept. 11, 2001," said Steve Ralls, a spokesman for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Fund, a group that seeks the law's repeal. "Whenever there is a conflict, the numbers go down."

Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Brian Maka disputed that conclusion, saying it was "not based on scientific evidence," and evidence would be impossible to find.

"How do you know why someone wasn't

discharged?" Lt. Col. Maka said. "The numbers are what they are."

Critics say Don't Ask, Don't Tell deprives the military of thousands of patriots who want to serve their country, even if that means risking their lives.

Vasquez and Cook hold themselves out as examples.

They are among 12 ousted service members represented in a federal lawsuit filed in Massachusetts by the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, which aims to overturn the law as unconstitutional and reinstate them in the military.

Vasquez, 32, joined the Army in 1991 after graduating from high school in Denton, Texas. She became a paralegal and served in Germany, South Korea and various domestic stations until May 2001, when she was assigned recruiter duty back in Texas.

When she joined the Army with her mother's permission at age 17, Vasquez said, "They did ask me if I was a homosexual in my contract, and I honestly answered no. During my first enlistment I was even married to a man."

Only after 1997, the year her marriage ended, did she begin to "identify as a lesbian," she said.

By 2003, she had risen to the rank of first sergeant and was one of her station's top recruiters. But "I was called into my commander's office one day and I was told that a coworker's wife had seen me kiss a girl in a gay bar," Vasquez said.

The commander, she said, offered her a choice: she could either face a criminal charge of indecent conduct or write a statement declaring herself a lesbian and receive an honorable discharge.

Citing the lawsuit, Vasquez declined to say whether she kissed another woman that night at Sue Ellen's, a lesbian club in Dallas. But "I did write the statement," she said, to avoid a criminal charge.

Army spokesman Paul Boyce declined to comment on her case but said "generally speaking" a homosexual act that could lead to a discharge "involves much more than just an allegation of kissing someone of the same sex."

Vasquez, now a paralegal for the service members' defense fund, said she wants to resume her Army career and believes she's needed.

In an effort to overcome recruiting shortfalls that left the active-duty Army 6,667 troops short and the Army Reserve 4,626 below its goal for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the Army has added 2,166 recruiters over the past two years.

If not for his discharge, Cook might have served in Iraq. His unit, the 312th Military Intelligence Battalion was there from January 2004 to February 2005.

Cook, 23, grew up in Lake Jackson, Texas, and joined the Army in April 2001. By October 2003, the specialist was in line for promotion to sergeant when the 312th went to the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., to prepare for Iraq.

For three weeks, he worked in a Humvee and lived in the field with two sergeants at the Mojave Desert base, Cook said. One day, after an "obviously gay" soldier walked by, Cook said, one of the sergeants remarked that "if he ever found out anybody on his team was gay, he would kill them."

Cook said the sergeant's remark chilled him. "I just did not want to be working in a confined area with live ammo with this man," he said.

Soldiers who feel threatened can confidentially inform the military police or inspector general, Army spokesman Boyce said. The service has "very strong policies against harassment for any reason involving sexual orientation, race, religion, language, ethnic background," he said.

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# Do You Want To Get Better Grades?

## Learn This Quick Memory Trick And Raise Your GPA

**Dr. Rob Gilbert**  
Department Of Exercise  
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The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, I walked into my 8:30 a.m. class and asked, "How many of you believe that I can remember what I ate for dinner 42 years ago today?" Most of my students looked at me perplexed because they didn't believe that it was possible.

Well, they were wrong! I remember exactly what I ate for dinner that day. I also remember just about everything that happened that day. Am I some sort of a memory genius? No, but I was using some very powerful memory strategies. And if you use these same strategies, you'll get better grades.

Let me explain. On Nov. 22, 1963, I was a senior at Boston Latin School in Boston, MA. It was a tragic day—the day that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. I remember that day so vividly because it was such a horrible event. This made it very unique and this uniqueness made it very memorable. Ask anyone my age—we all remember what we were doing when we heard "the news."

On Sept. 11, 2001, when your grandchildren ask you where you were on Sept. 11, 2001, you'll remember, won't you?

This proves how incredibly powerful our memories are. If something terribly bad or wonderfully good happens—you remember it! You remember your first kiss, don't you? But something bad or good doesn't have to happen for it to be memorable. You can remember anything, anytime and anywhere if you use one of your most powerful mental

tools—your imagination.

You can imagine absolutely anything. Let me prove this to you. Right now, try to imagine something that you can't imagine. That's right, try to imagine something you can't imagine. This is impossible. You can't do this because you can imagine absolutely anything. Your imagination is limitless.

In your mind, you can make up something extraordinarily good, or extraordinarily bad, or extraordinarily unique—even if it's a fantasy—and you'll remember it.

If I can use my memory to remember what I had for lunch on Nov. 22, 1963, you can use your imagination to remember the most complex information in any textbook. Absolutely, positively, guaranteed.

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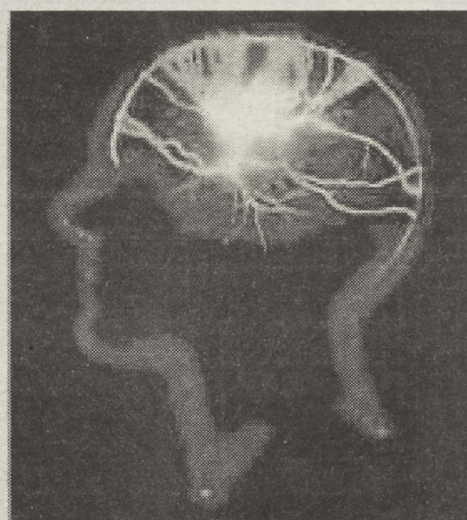
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November 28, 2005

Dear MSU Students:

It is unfortunate to have to tell you that the 2004-2005 yearbook will be further delayed in its release due to difficulties stemming from last spring. The yearbook will be completed as quickly as possible and made available to all MSU students. Furthermore, the yearbook will be mailed out immediately upon completion to all students that graduated in December 2004 or May 2005.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we strive to pull together a thorough and lasting reminder of the 2004-2005 academic year at Montclair State University. The yearbook, *La Campana*, has a proud history on the MSU campus. It is unfortunate that this delay must occur and we are working to make it as minimal as possible.

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## Film Has More Zeros Than NYC Rent Two Editors Split The Rent And Come Up Short

Peter Schaus and Jessica Suico  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editors

It goes without saying that *Rent* has left an indelible mark on the cultural landscape of the past 10 years. Since the rock opera opened in 1995, "No Day But Today" has become the new 'Carpe Diem,' and the cast recording has found its place next to the great rock albums of the twentieth century. With the astronomical success of the musical, it seemed inevitable that a movie version of *Rent* would surface soon enough.

Though the recent release has been long awaited, its reviews have been slightly lackluster. Broadway buffs are less than thrilled over the adaptation. However, movie goes new to *Rent* are ooh-ing and ah-ing over the musical. Here, two editors, one a Broadway buff and one a *Rent* newbie, dissect the film.

### Plot Line

**Schaus:** *Rent* tells the story of modern-day bohemians dwelling in gritty Alphabet City in the late 1980s and struggling with the reality of AIDS, heroin addiction and looming eviction notices.

**Suico:** The plot seemed a little lost in the midst of the sometimes-obnoxious musical numbers. It was an array of really heavy themes stuck into a confusing and incoherent plot that never seems to be resolved. For each person on the ensemble cast there seemed to be a different story that tied in with the other individuals in the musical. AIDS was a constant cloud hanging over all of the character's heads. Drug use is another



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AIDS, heroine and eviction are themes Roger (Adam Pascal) and Mimi (Rosario Dawson) have to deal with in the movie adaptation of *Rent*.

theme that is coming and going in the movie context. Other topics such as friendship, love and loyalty are prevalent, but are underscored by the more reality-based subjects in the story.

### Music

**Schaus:** Jonathan Larson's hard-driving rock score has been expertly rearranged for the silver-screen by Green Day's chief producer, Rob Cavallo. Unfortunately, Columbus' by-the-numbers direction sucks the energy out of many of the musical sequences and it isn't until "La Vie Boheme" that the film version even begins to replicate the high-volatile energy of the Broadway production.

**Suico:** *Rent* showcases a number of loud and lung-stretching numbers that sometimes loses

their true meaning amongst the frantic and ever-changing cadences. The music is underscored almost to the point of overlooking the meaning. The attempt to marry rock and Broadway creates a noisy collision.

### Acting

**Schaus:** Perhaps Columbus' greatest success is his decision to allow the original Broadway cast to reprise their breakthrough roles on screen. All the actors know their characters through and through and bring a sort of glee to the challenge of translating their outlandish stage performances to fit

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## Arctic Monkeys Sell Out The Bowery British Band Uses File-Sharing To Gain U.S. Fame

Mick Watson  
Staff Writer

### Arctic Monkeys

Bowery Ballroom  
November 16, 2005



A new British band, the "Next Big Thing," is ready to break America... How many times have you heard that? Whether it be Oasis, Coldplay, Franz Ferdinand or the Kaiser Chiefs, it seems as though the British press have been desperately attempting to claim that the UK is, once again, at the center of

the musical universe, ever since The Beatles. Most of these bands have failed and some have proven to be flat out useless. However, that was before the Arctic Monkeys!

If anyone needs any motivation to refrain from slacking off, then you need look no further than these four guys from Sheffield, England. At the tender age of 19, they have just thrilled New York with two sold-out shows and this is before they have even released a song in this country!

So how did the Arctic Monkeys get here? Basically, it was the thing that the music industry fears the most: the internet! A little under three years ago, when Alex Turner, Jamie Cook, Andy Nicholson and Matt Helders formed the band they started handing out free demo CDs at their gigs to fans. It was these fans that started uploading them for all to hear and the popularity of the band grew

from there. Then the British press and record labels started to take notice culminating in the band signing a rumored \$1 million deal.

Now they're playing the Mercury Lounge and an upgraded gig at the Bowery Ballroom to rise to the high demand for tickets. Surely no band can live up to this level of hype. Well, *this* band can.

From the group's first appearance, to the sound of Dr. Dre's "The Next Episode," to the blistering opening exchanges of "A View From The Afternoon" and recent British number one single, "I Bet That You Look Good On The Dancefloor," it was obvious that the band was that good and more than up for a good time.

The usual criticism that British bands do not converse with the audience does apply to the Arctic Monkeys, but why should they? The audience was there to see and hear them play, not to tell jokes. If anyone wants to see people stand on stage and talk, then there is a plethora of great comedy venues throughout the city.

The songs tell tales of being young and in love, being young and drunk, being young and going to clubs, being young and getting taxis and, well, being young. In Alex Turner, they have a keen lyricist with a knack for astute social commentary ("There's only music so that there are new ring-

## Madonna: Friend or Ho?



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Peter Schaus  
Assistant Arts & Entertainment Editor

Poor Madonna has lost her edge in recent years. Her long-awaited follow-up to her first foray into the literary scene, *Sex*, in which she lovingly described her lesbian lover's private parts, was a children's book about the power of Kabbalah. "Truth or Dare," the first documentary to cover one of her world tours, showed Madonna inviting her back-up dancers into bed with her and teaching them the art of fellatio using a champagne bottle.

In the recently released sequel, "I'm Gonna Tell You A Secret," she tearfully regretted not spending enough time with the dancers and chastised her record producer for having a lack of faith in a higher power. Twenty years ago, her faith in a higher power was celebrated not by preaching the virtues of Kabbalah, but by dancing in front of burning crucifixes and licking the toes of a Messiah figure.

I don't think I'm the only one to shed a tear of remembrance for the Madonna of yesteryears. The Madonna who used her toned-figure as a murder weapon in "Body of Evidence." The Madonna who let Dennis Rodman ride her side-saddle. Although she has always been a talented trailblazer in the art of pop music, Madonna's best creation was always herself. The wacky hijinks of everyone's favorite hussy and blasphemer. Madonna has gone from whore to, appropriately enough, the Madonna.

However, with the release of *Confessions on the Dance Floor* and the hit new video "Hung Up," Madonna has gone back to her roots. Not only is her new album more dance-centered than her introspective previous works, but the music video is sure to find itself hidden beneath the mattresses of 13-year-old boys across the country.

As she has proven, time and time again, Madonna will never be the type to tame her wild side to serve bottled water and orange wedges during half-time at her children's soccer games. At the ripe old age of 48, Madonna looks better than most women half her age without any sort of Oedipal/Mrs. Robinson pretext. In a few years when she finds herself sitting in a wheelchair in a celebrity nursing home, you can be sure that under the afghan on her lap she'll be wearing fishnet stockings and a garter belt.

So, hats off to Madonna for overcoming her existential mid-life crisis.

ENTERTAINER OF THE WEEK: MADONNA



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Alex Turner, singer and songwriter of Arctic Monkeys, entrances American audiences with his charismatic smile and captivating accent.

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the more intimate world of film. There isn't a moment in *Rent* where you believe the actors are anyone other than the characters they portray. Not to be outperformed by their seasoned co-stars, newcomers Rosario Dawson and Tracie Thoms breathe new life into the material and challenge the memory of Daphne Rubin-Vega and Fredi Walker who originated the roles of Mimi and Joanne on the *Great White Way*.

**Suico:** The standout performance of the movie was Jesse L. Martin as Tom Collins. Not only does he have the biggest character dilemma, and is arguably one of the most fantastic character arcs in the movie, but his acting is superb and, in the midst of Angel's death, you're right there with him, as emotionally wrecked as he is.

Rosario Dawson's portrayal of Mimi was phenomenal. The only reason Dawson failed to stand out as much as Martin is that she is obviously less musically inclined than the rest of her cast. However her "Out Tonight" dancing is hot and floored every male in the room. Her spirit and her charm are partially entrancing to the audience and when she loses it all and essentially dies (emotionally and mentally) it leads to a more heartbreaking moment than Angel's passing.

Anthony Rapp, who plays Mark, is offered much more of a lead role than in the play, but he fails to comprehend the fact that he is in a film and doesn't have to be as big as a theatrical production. His portrayal of Mark was full of unnecessary bombast and gestures so outlandish that his little body seemed like it couldn't support his enormous head. His depiction of Mark would have made him an onstage gem, but onscreen, it just made him seem like a ham.

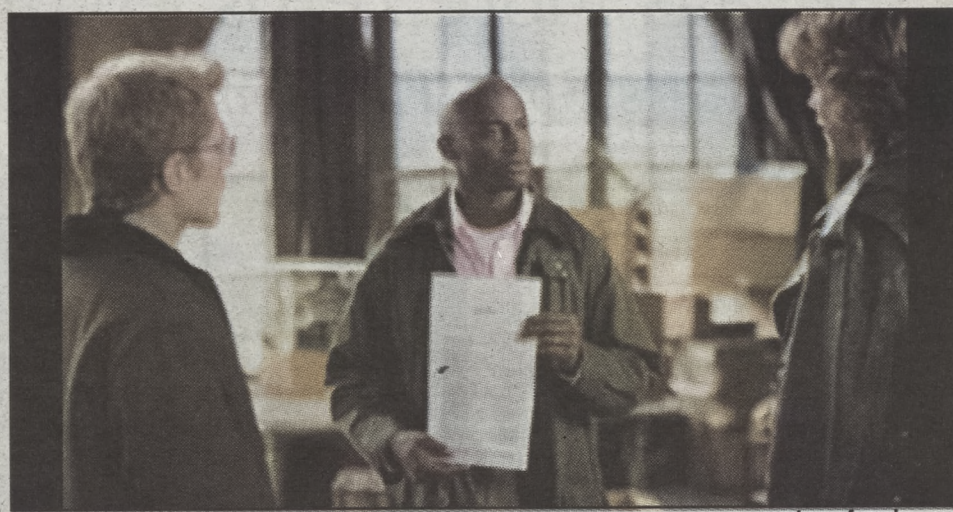
## Director

**Schaus:** According to advance press materials, the film version of *Rent* marks the fruits of a 10-year dream for director Chris Columbus, a self-declared "Renthead." Had Columbus channeled his passion into a role as producer and placed the film in the hands of a more capable director, *Rent* could have been a success. Although a decent filmmaker in his own right (past projects include the first two *Harry Potter* films and *Home Alone*), Columbus' artistic sensibilities clash with the source material. As evidenced by *Chicago*, in order for a movie-musical to work, the director needs to bring a sharp creative vision to the piece.

Unfortunately, creativity is in short supply in *Rent* as Columbus allows the actors to perform their stage choreography while capturing the action with a succession of long pans and reaction shots. The result is muddled and awkward and much of the movie comes off like a bootleg copy of the original Broadway production.

**Suico:** In telling all of their intertwining stories, Columbus achieves a feat nearly identical to the one he pulled off with the first two *Harry Potter* movies. He has told the story of *Rent*, but didn't change its meaning. It's not that he shows particularly great directorial vision when transferring the musical to the streets of the East Village in New York; it is the fact that he doesn't alter the plotline.

Columbus strips down Larson's work to the essentials, building it back up again in engaging ways that file down the sharp edges of the play's notoriously dated setting. He inserts opportunities for the scenes to step out of their theatrical origins, and embraces the New York East Village scenery, creating a much more multicolored world than the stage allows.



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Benny, the landlord and former friend of the main characters, played by Taye Diggs, represents the two evils of homogenization and generational sellout.

## Comparison to Broadway

**Schaus:** Columbus' inexperience directing musicals cripples *Rent's* translation from stage to screen. If anything, Columbus doesn't take enough liberties with the source material. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* author Steven Chbosky's original screenplay, which was lauded for bringing a cinematic eye to the piece while keeping the spirit of the musical, has been abandoned in favor of a more faithful, but less filmable, draft by Columbus.

His dedication to the piece would be commendable, if he didn't choose to deviate from the original in all the wrong places. A lot of Columbus's choices for imagery clash with the content of the scene and seem to be a desperate attempt on his part to flesh out a three-minute-long musical sequence.

The characters are often placed in illogical circumstances in an effort to create action on-screen. It isn't until the masterfully shot

montage "Without You" in the second hour of the film that Columbus is able to sufficiently convey the passion that drove him to the film in the first place and the message that has made *Rent* such a beloved cult classic.

**Suico:** I am one of those individuals who, unfortunately, has not seen *Rent* on Broadway. I had no prior love for the musical before seeing it, nor did I have any idea what the plot was. I thought that *Rent* would have a fifty-fifty chance of being a decent movie-musical. Since *Chicago*, the 2002 movie production starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renee Zellweger, ended up being such a box office success, I thought the film adaptation of *Rent* would come close to being as lucrative as its movie-musical predecessor and, surprisingly enough, it did. It was filled with genuine emotion and sincerity. *Rent* has managed to touch mine and the audience's hearts.

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tones") and sharp comic barbs ("You're not from New York City, you're from Rotherham") while the rest of the band members are equally as gifted at their respective instruments.

The music draws heavily on post-70s punk but has elements of funk (the Parliament infused "Fake Tales of San Francisco") and obviously certain Beatles-esque melodies shine through. However, theirs is a voice of the "real" world. They use their local accents and dialects and in a society where being "real" is valued above all else there are none

of what it is like growing up in England, or anywhere that hopes and dreams are stifled by the reality of your surroundings.

The Arctic Monkeys are rumored to have turned down a spot on "The OC," a place where they are sure to receive huge exposure in this country. Instead, they will opt for the traditional route of playing great gigs and using the internet (where their demos are still available on their official message board), to earn their fame.

The Arctic Monkeys untitled debut album will be out in February 2006 on Domino

"The songs tell tales of being young and in love, being young and drunk, ... and well, being young."

more real than this band.

The crowd enjoyed every moment. Admittedly, most of them seemed to have been shipped directly from England and were wellversed in many of the songs. This resulted in huge sing-alongs to tales of romantic rifts ("Mardy Bum"), prostitution ("When The Sun Goes Down") and aggressive doormen ("From The Ritz To The Rubble") and a more energetic-than-normal crowd for a gig in notoriously stoic New York.

The band appeared to be enjoying themselves as 19-year-olds, selling out gigs in New York, should. Even when Alex's guitar fell off mid-song it didn't stifle him or the crowd. In their set closing hit "A Certain Romance" they have a bonafide classic tale

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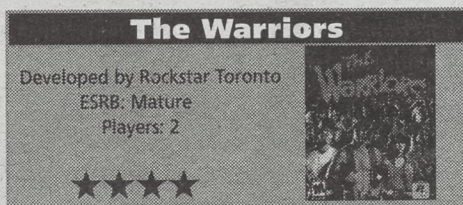
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# Video Game Review

## The Warriors: Cult Classic Resurrected

Dominique L. Wilson  
Photography Editor



If there is a fan of *The Warriors* out there, the opening scene of the movie and the game shows the famous Coney Island Wonder Wheel Ferris Wheel, with the dreary piano number in the background. It shows the various gangs leading up to the major meeting with Cyrus.

"Can you dig it!" shouts the Riffs' warlord, Cyrus, trying to bring unity to over 100 gangs so they can dominate the streets of New York City instead of their own separate turfs. The Warriors, from Coney Island, and other gangs throughout the city chose nine delegates with no weapons to represent each gang in a unity meeting.

Just minutes after Cyrus gives his inspirational speech stating that the streets belong to them, he is shot by a member of the Rogues. Being that a member of *The Warriors* witnesses this tragedy, the Rogues point the finger towards their direction. Players are now challenged to get *The Warriors* from Manhattan and the Bronx

back to Coney Island, which, in real life, would be an hour away. Let the game begin.

The game is based on this 1979 cult film classic with a few additional features, including deleted movie scenes that tie up the loopholes that the movie has left out. Rockstar Toronto Games, the creators of the *Grand Theft Auto* series, brings the movie to life making the players' experience the fight for survival.

It begins with the initiation of one of the youngest and newest members of the gang, Rembrandt, who has to fight the other members, rob people for their money and tag their Warriors with a "W" over other gang burners in order to join. There is a look into the Warriors' hideout showing all of the movie's main characters Swan, Cleon, Cochise, Ajax, Cowboy, Vermin, Fox, Snow and Rembrandt.

The graphics in the game are very realistic. Being that I've seen the movie, I can compare the similarities of the features of the characters well. You can easily look at the characters and know which character they were in the movie. Cowboy wears his memorable cowboy hat and Cleon sports his white headdress to symbolize his war chief status.

The scenes from the movie that are depicted in the game are closely assimilated. The original movie Warriors' voices from the movie are also used in the game. Even the

original music is used in the game to bring the seventies feeling back.

There is intense violence and adult content in this game. This game is gang-related and has very graphic material. There are parts in the game where the Warriors encounter rival gangs and police using the violence as the only way to make it through the various territories they cross. There is use of strong language throughout the game, and the use of drug and alcohol depicted along with theft and some sexual themes.

This video game is definitely a walk on the wild side. You will be living the life and experiencing the strenuous journey as a Coney Island Warrior. It is also an experience of movie history.



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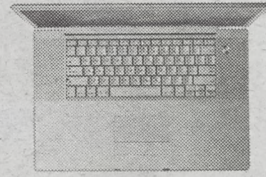
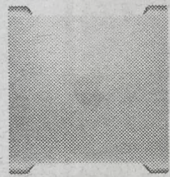
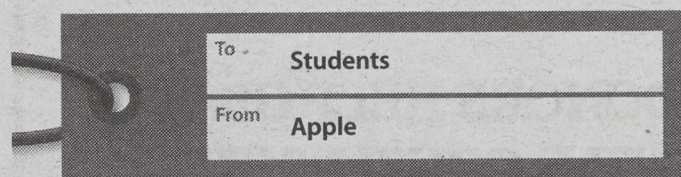
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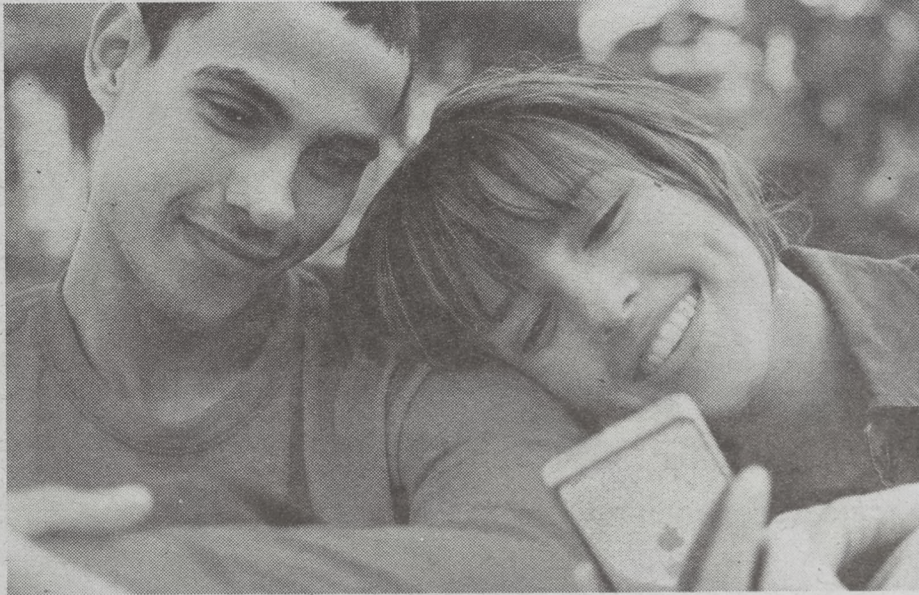
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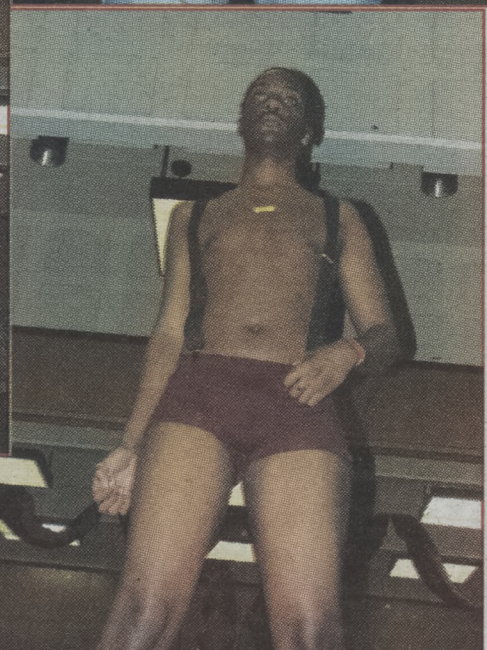
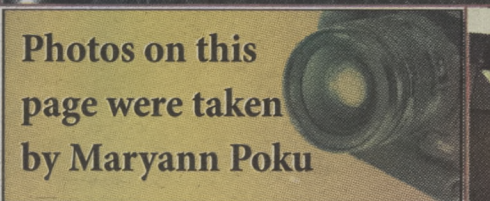
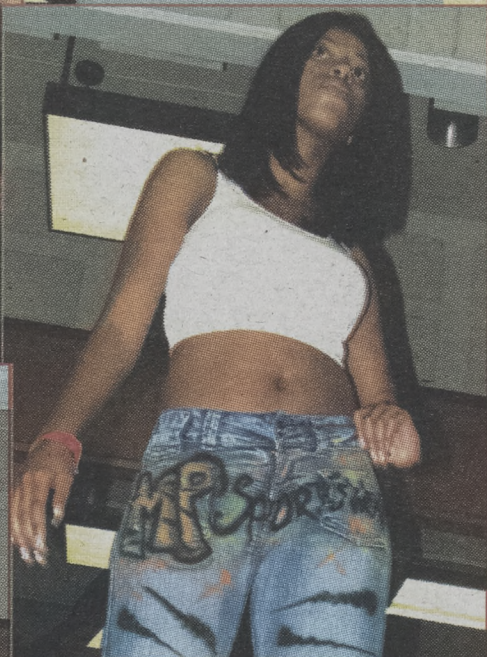
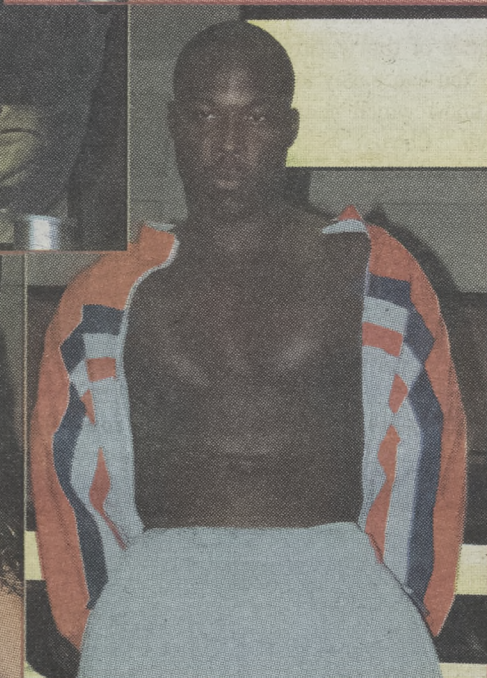
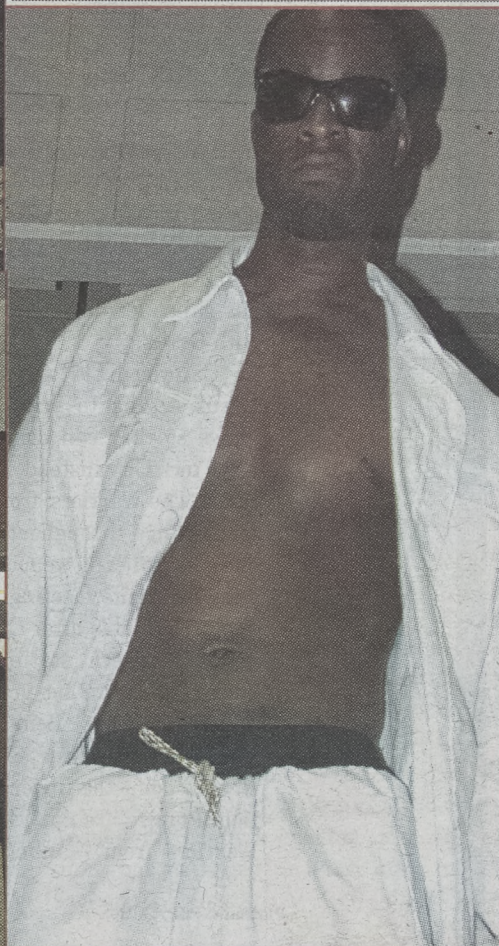


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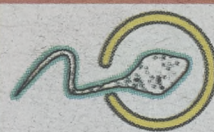


In a fashion show sponsored by the Haitian Student Association, MSU students strutted their stuff in six different sets, including swimwear, sportswear, loungewear, lingerie, and men and women's formal wear.

In addition to the students who modeled the clothes of local and urban designers, the Caribso dance troupe performed.



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# Could You Be The Next Mrs. Pitt?

## Top 5 Celebrity Breakups Make It Possible

Jessica Havery  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Breakups are an inevitable part of life. We meet people; we grow and change; we move on. And, while we so-called normal people go through life's trials and tribulations, we remain googly-eyed at the seemingly glorious nature of celebrity relationships.

Any relationship could appear glorious to the bling-blinded nobodies who secretly wish they had the happiness that Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey have. Of course, now Simpson and Lachey, along with many other high-profile couples, have joined the ranks of singletons in search of true love.

While it seems to be the season to be single, don't linger on the feeling of loneliness. And if you must linger, realize that your decision to end your relationship finally means you have something in common with these 10 people, who have made it into the top five worst break-ups of all time.

**5** The love and support that Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman displayed in their red-carpet marriage and shared films fizzled out in 2001 when Cruise filed for divorce.



The actor cited "difficulties inherent in divergent careers" as the cause for the split. How divergent could their careers be when they worked together on joint films including *Far and Away*, *Days*

*of Thunder* and *Eyes Wide Shut*?

After more than 10 years together, the couple that stars looked to for Hollywood-survival guidance called it quits. Rumors of extramarital trysts spread like wildfire and, for many people, confirmed by the plot line of the duo's last film together.

In *Eyes Wide Shut*, the two bared it all, steaming up the silver screen, as a New York couple with dark secrets and the need for extreme experimentation. Could it be that Kidman preferred an orgy of masked men à la *Eyes Wide Shut*, rather than a happy home? No one will ever know for sure, but I bet Katie Holmes is happy the union ended.

**4** Consider yourself obsessed if you're willing to wear a vial of your boyfriend's blood around your neck. This, and many other crazy antics, surrounded the marriage of Angelina Jolie and Billy Bob Thornton.

After the couple's divorce 18 months ago, Thornton publicly commented on his unhappy sex life with Jolie, shocking an entire nation that assumed the Hollywood hottie was a vixen between the sheets.



Thornton reported that "having sex with the sexiest person alive could be like making love to a couch."

Here's hoping Jolie's new love interest, newly divorced Bratt Pitt, likes *Lazy Boy*.

**3** While Jennifer Lopez's trail of lost loves could fill the entire top five, her break up with P. Diddy (Puffy, Puff Daddy ... whatever he happens to call himself right now) was most disappointing. The hip-hop stars parted ways when Puffy became involved in a high-profile trial resulting from the alleged use of an illegal firearm.



Though it was probably a wise decision to leave a relationship that requires a bullet proof vest, the two seemed to be the perfect couple to make some cash on the experience. Lopez might have included blinged-out vests as part of her newest fashion line. And, even though the two obviously have trouble choosing names, I bet both would be willing to pay the extra money to periodically change the names of their children.

**2** Three years ago, Jessica Simpson was belting out lovestruck tunes including "With You" and "Sweetest Sin." It appears that, just days ago, Simpson and husband Nick Lachey have decided the "sin" wasn't as sweet as they expected it to be.

For the entire course of their marriage, the two musicians (if you can call them that) have endured a persistent press, rampant rumors about illicit affairs, annoying fans and a broken romance. Well, the rumors and tabloids have won; the couple finally called it quits, without any explanation.

One could only marvel at the array of reasons these two could have for giving up on the marriage.

Was Nick threatened by Jessica's career? Did Jessica's father/manager interfere with the relationship more than they liked? Was CeeCee, Jessica's best friend, just too annoying for Nick to tolerate? Or were they just plain stupid by allowing MTV to live with them for the entire first year of their marriage for "Newlyweds," a reality show sponsored by the network.

Whatever the reason, keep an eye out for Jessica's next album. I'm sure it'll be riddled with secrets about the duo's demise.

**1** Brad. Jen. Angelina. These people don't need an introduction, or even last names. For months we've been bombarded with juicy tidbits about Hollywood's biggest breakup since Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman.

We've had our fingers crossed that these two beauties would pop out a few gorgeous children before they let stardom (and other stars) destroy their marriage but like *Aniston*, we didn't get what we wanted.

I can only imagine the true catalyst behind the separation. Sure, everyone's blaming Angelina Jolie, but couldn't it be something much more simple?

Something as small and insignificant as Brad constantly stealing Jen's beauty products?

Perhaps the couple couldn't live up to the sexy standards they've been expected to reach. But how do you explain Angelina?



### ARTS Calendar

#### Movie Releases



**Aeon Flux**  
Dir. Karyn Kusama  
Starring Charlize Theron and Marton Csokas



**A Good Woman**  
Dir. Mike Barker  
Starring Helen Hunt and Scarlett Johansson

#### Album Releases



**Chris Brown**  
Chris Brown



**INXS**  
Switch

#### Concerts & Theater

**Thursday 1**  
Bonnie Raitt- Beacon Theater

**Friday 2**  
Dane Cook- Continental Arena  
Clay Aiken- Beacon Theatre  
Rick Springfield- Nokia Theatre Times Square

**Saturday 3**  
Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley- Nokia Theatre

**Sunday 4**  
Hawthorne Heights- Nokia Theatre Times Square  
Tim McGraw- Mohegan Sun Arena

**Monday 5**  
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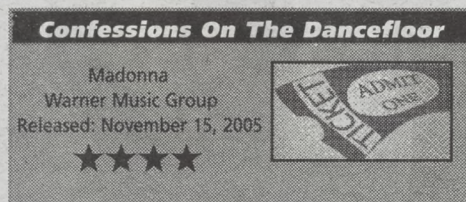
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# Madonna Defies Gravity With A Confession

## With A New Look And Sound, Madonna Evades Her Own Mid-Life Crisis

William Anthony King  
Staff Writer



2005 is the year of the comeback of major recording artists of the 1980s and early 1990s. We witnessed *Mimi's Emancipation* through Mariah Carey and now we hear Madonna's revealing *Confessions On The Dance Floor*. The re-invented "Material Girl" is back with a declaration for all to live life and let the music be the soundtrack of our lives.

Back on the scene with her tenth studio album, *Confessions On The Dance Floor*, Madonna takes the listeners on a semi-autobiographical journey laced with a groundbreaking futuristic disco/electronica sound. With no ballads to slow the intensity of the album's infectious beats, *Confessions* is definitely one of Madonna's best albums since her 1998 Grammy-winning album, *Ray Of Light*.

Madonna has widely said that *Confessions* is a strictly dance album with no messages. Though, in listening to her 11 new tracks on this album, you get a snippet of an hour's worth of an autobiography of one America's well known trendsetting entertainers. "Hung Up" contains a sample of ABBA's "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme" which is intense in tone from its opening of a tick-

ing clock. The meshing of disco with upbeat rhythms of today's dance music makes the song not only catchy, but a pure dance track with lyrics enforcing the moving on with life when you feel like games are being played with you. "Get Together" is one of the softer dance groove tracks on the album. Its focus on meeting the right person and having a good time gives the track an upbeat feel good quality.

"Sorry," which has the potential of being released as a single off of *Confessions*, is very appealing, beginning with Madonna saying the word "sorry" in several different languages. It is underscored with a forceful melodic 1980s synthesized bass line vocals of "I heard it all before." The song takes the listener back to the times in which they may have been let down by a significant other through their lies and betrayal.

The song itself is very much useable for a performance piece, due to consistent changes in tempo. "Future Lovers" has the sound of a collaboration of Giorgio Moroder and Donna Summer's "I Feel Love" with a futuristic ambient tone, which includes Madonna

speaking in a secretive voice.

"I Love New York" is more of Madonna's ode to the place she came to in the late 1970s in search of her dreams as an entertainer. The sound of a timpani and hard guitar captures the sound of a young adult experiencing for the first time a city full of culture and mystery. "Let It Will Be" is another track that blends modern house beats with strings with early to mid 1980s synth's sounds that

were prevalent in recordings like "Venus" from Banarama and "Heart of Glass" from Blondie. "Forbidden Love" is another track like, "Get Together," that links the sound of music from the seventies to today. It merges the quick downbeats and synth bites with electronica.

"Jump" captures the sound of "The Hustle" by Van McCoy, but

tightened up with modern techno beats with narrations from Madonna to make the song current. With its lines of encouragement otosucceed in life with the help of friends and family, "Jump" has been rumored as being another potential single from *Confessions*. "How High" is another catchy dance-ridden

song from its spatial robotic vocal intro to its orchestra decrescendo at the end of the song. Co-produced by Swedish producers Bloodshy and Avant, who were responsible for Britney Spears' hit "Toxic," it has the feel of a disco/futuristic pop sound with robotic vocals that can be a remnant of both Britney Spears and Kylie Minogue.

"Isaac," a song that has stirred some controversy from religious leaders in the Jewish community, has an interesting sound blending the traditional music of the Jewish faith with a person singing in Hebrew with an upbeat modern synth sound. "Push" is a song that is written for Madonna's husband, filmmaker Guy Ritchie, which explains the constant appreciation of having a challenging marriage.

"Like Or Not," the last track of *Confessions*, is a great conclusion to an album that has not only been upbeat on each track, but shows listeners that a married mother of two, who's age is near almost a half of a century is still a leading force in popular culture. The words of "I'm never gonna stop" seems to be her current anthem as she continues to create more music for all to enjoy.

*Confessions On The Dance Floor* is one of the best comeback albums of the year. Madonna has not only once again embraced the roots of dance music, which has made her one the most influential recording artists in music, but is also reclaiming her position as a force in our popular culture. In mixing musical sounds of the past giving them new life with current infectious styles of today's dance music, *Confessions On A Dance Floor* is an album to have in search of the need to feel energized to take on life.



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Madonna embarks on creating her first all-dance record and succeeds.

### FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE – FALL SEMESTER 2005

December 16-22

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For Classes with first or only Meeting on T or F at 0230pm.....0100pm-0300pm

For Classes with First or only Meeting on T or F at 0400pm.....0315pm-0515pm

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For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 1000am.....1015am-1215pm

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For Classes with First or Only Meeting on W at 1130am.....0100pm-0300pm

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##### Thursday – December 22

For Classes Meeting on MR or TR at 0700am.....0700am-0900am

For Classes Meeting on MW at 0700am.....0915am-1115am

For Classes with First or Only Meeting on M or R at 0230pm.....0100pm-0300pm

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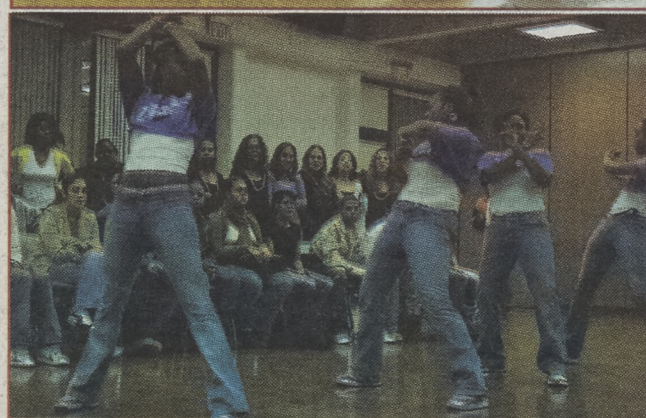
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## A Step Above The Rest

The ladies of Mu Sigma Upsilon, a Class IV organization of the SGA, sponsored a stroll competition to show off a semester's worth of hard work and practice. Present at the exhibition were members from Lambda Theta Phi and Zeta Phi Beta. In one especially energetic performance, Zeta Phi Beta dazzled the audience with a fabulous step number.

In addition to the program facilitated by Mu Sigma Upsilon, Swing Phi Swing held a step exhibition to showcase the talents of a number of Greek fraternities.

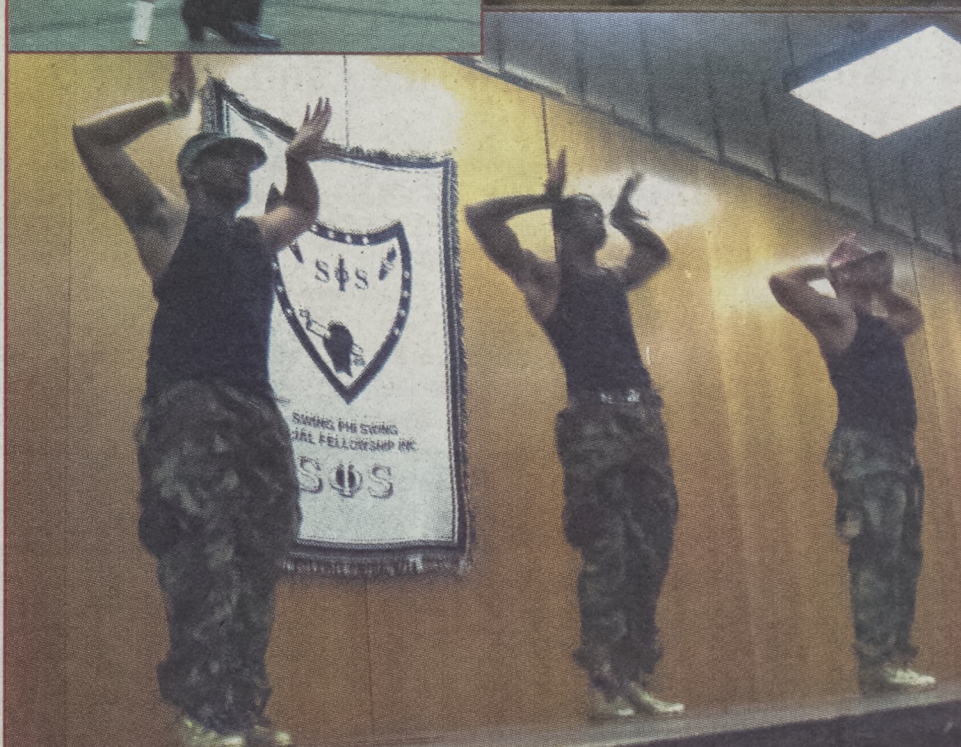
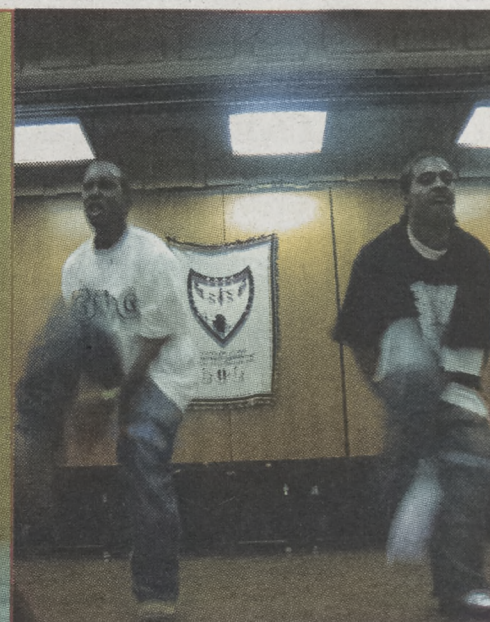


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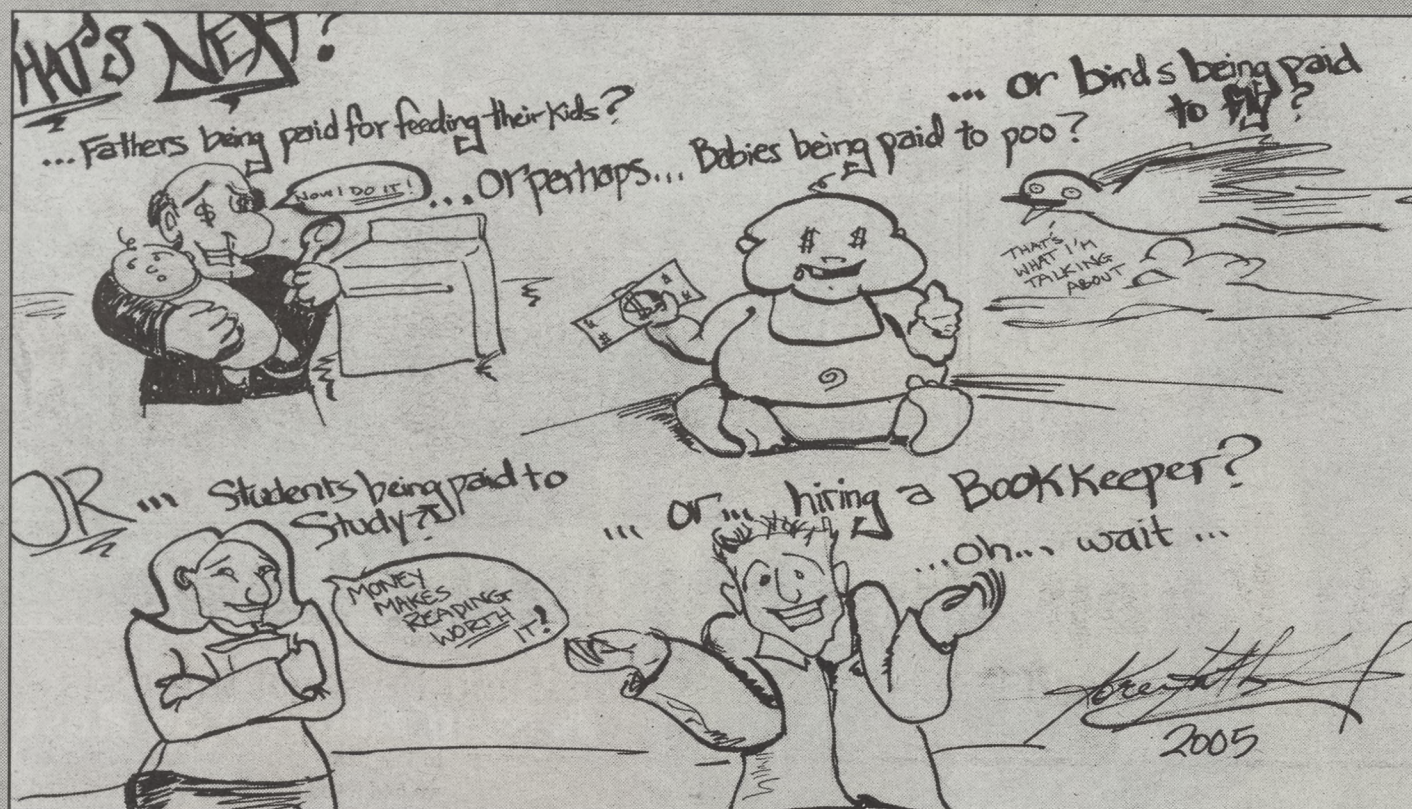
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## Reward For SGA E-Board?



Koren Frankfort | The Montclarion

No one would argue that the Student Government Association Executive Board members don't work hard at their jobs. Regardless of the success or failure of some of their initiatives, they put their best foot forward in trying to serve the student body. Their hard work merits appreciation; of course, as the old saying goes, "the price is right." That's because they serve purely as volunteers, and have never been paid for their deeds (although they do receive various forms of compensation over the summer).

However, a proposition in the form of an SGA bill was presented at this week's meeting to start paying these members, written by Jenn Soloman and Damond Stubbs. They propose that the E-Board be paid \$6.15 an hour, for up to 25 hours a week. Basically, they would be making \$153.75 a week, on top of the prestige and other perks of being a senior SGA member. Naturally, the funding for this proposal comes not from the coffers of the administration, but the funds of the SGA, which are supplied by students.

Incidentally, the SGA constitution makes clear that they are not to receive financial compensation for their services, according to the Office Compensation Clause (Article V). However, according to the bill, since the SGA doubly functions as a corporation, the E-Board can be referred to as the General Corporate board. Thus, Angelo Lilla can be referred to as the "Director" through the corporation statutes, and get paid through this technicality.

The SGA E-Board claims that they had nothing to do with the writing of the bill, which is curious since it serves to benefit them. Assuming for the moment that they had no idea this was in the works, what is the motivation for Soloman and Stubbs? Surely there are other prerogatives at work here other than the kindness

### "Surely there are other prerogatives at work here ..."

of a couple SGA legislators. When reached for comment about this matter, Soloman conveniently shied away from going on the record, stating that she would remain silent until the bill was voted on. It seems strange that the author of such a plan would be tight-lipped about its origins and purpose.

Part of the explanation for this bill is that because the SGA E-Board is so consumed by their obligations to the campus, they are unable to hold down a job. However, who's to say that their efforts aren't equaled by those of other SGA organizations? Surely it's only fair that if they receive payment for their efforts, that the presidents of Class I organizations receive the same, as a start. The ratification of such a bill would only promote discussion and lobbying on the parts of other students to get paid themselves.

Furthermore, such a plan would only increase corruption and bring into question the motivations behind the candidacies of future E-Boards. Money, not student interests, would threaten the fidelity of potential presidents and other SGA brass. As their slogan claims, they act as "students for students." This bill makes that statement highly suspect.

Lilla says he plans to veto the bill if and when it gets that far. Such an action is necessary to protect the accountability and respect of the SGA.

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## Bohn Hall's Benefits and Blunders

### Overlooking Its Inadequacies and Appreciating The Benefits Of Being a Resident Student

As a first semester freshman here at Montclair State University, I didn't come into college expecting a world class five star dorm room or living conditions. But who does these days? I'm sure a lot of us based some of our decision (maybe more than we'd like to admit) of what college to attend based upon the quality of dorm rooms, because I know I did. Even after a tour of MSU, I still had a fear of living in something that resembled a five by five cell block with basic furniture and the dreaded horrible roommate.

Turns out I am one of six hundred and fifty lucky residents of Bohn Hall, where I enjoy being about nine flights up from the main floor. Some people may see that as an excellent view. I did at first, and I still do, but

the experiences of having to trek down nine flights of stairs at 4:00 a.m. for a nonsense fire drill kind of killed it. Overall, room conditions aren't too bad, but I do see a few things that could, or should, be remedied.

For instance, I live in a triple room. In the majority of the double rooms in Bohn Hall that I've seen, everyone has a decent, rectangular sized room. But my triple room has a large indent in the wall, making my room much smaller. Now, maybe I shouldn't be so hard on Residence Life, because maybe they don't know the dimensions of every Bohn Hall room, but I still don't really understand why you would put three people in a smaller room than you would two. I suppose that's the price you pay for having seven hundred dollars cut off your room and board price.

Something that should have been taken care of a long time ago in Bohn Hall is decent elevators. About two times a week, maybe more, the elevator alarm goes off, signaling that someone has gotten stuck in it again, and it's usually the same elevator. It's not

unusual to see people come off that certain elevator with big smiles on their faces, knowing that they made it out alive. I would think that with the multiple occurrences of people getting stuck in these faulty elevators, we would, at the very least, contract a new elevator company.

My fellow Bohn Hall residents have also told me several tales of discrepancies in their dorm rooms. One friend reported getting locked inside the community bathroom. Apparently the electronic lock malfunctioned, leaving him locked inside for about two hours waiting for the electric company to let him out.

And I know that a majority of the students in this building find it disgusting and disrespectful when others find it funny to vandalize the inside of the building. If your paying two thousand dollars to live here, don't destroy it. Not only are you ruining a piece of your home, but you're disrespecting everyone else who lives here as well.

But even with all of its flaws, Bohn Hall is my current home, and I'm learning to love it. It gives me a place to go between classes, which I

think is a perk of being an on-campus student rather than a commuter. Not only do commuters have to find a place on campus to lounge around until their next class, they don't usually get involved in activities or make new friends as often as resident students do. Being a resident has given me the opportunity to make many new friends, great people who I may not have met if I didn't live here.

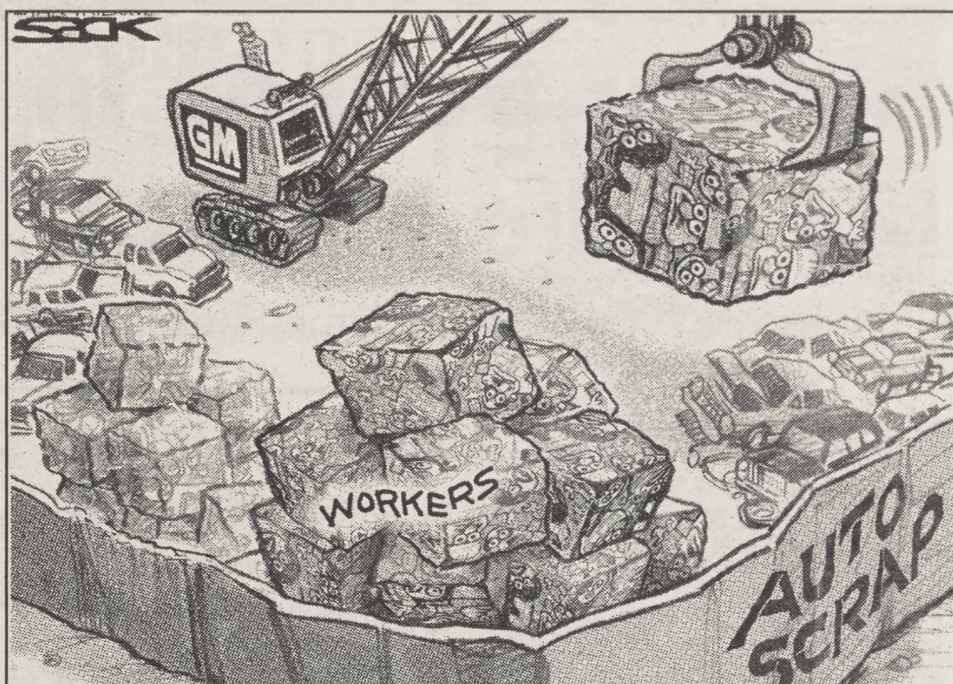
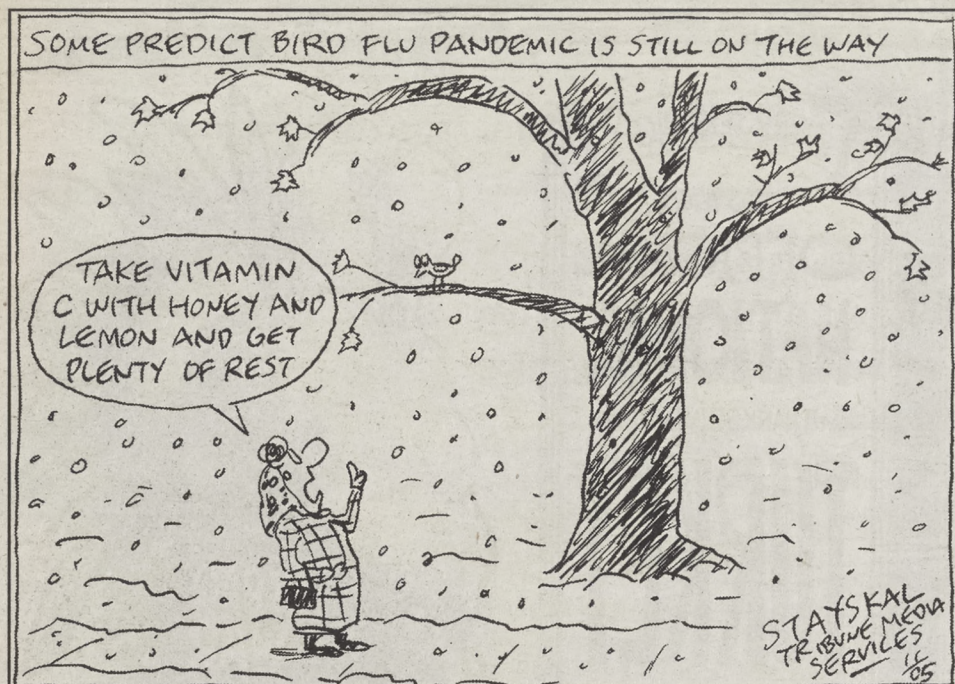
Besides the fire drills, elevators and overloaded room occupancies, Bohn Hall can be okay. Sure, your door may not shut all the way unless you slam it, your desk drawer gets stuck open sometimes, you've got to do acrobatics to climb up to your top bunk and your sick of that community bathroom, embrace it all. You're spending about \$2,500 dollars a year on it, so you might as well enjoy it and make the best of the situation.

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## Can the Pot: Keep Current Drug Laws

Laws Protect Us From Drugs' Widespread Effects, Serve National and Personal Interests

The criminalization of drugs is practiced for two distinct reasons: the abusive effect that they have on the user and the threat that users then pose to society. These laws, admittedly, have not been as effective as hoped.



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However, the baby should not be thrown out with the bathwater and we should not allow the pursuit of perfection to get in the way of a good thing. Drug laws should remain in place and drugs should not be decriminalized.

Although it is rather intuitive to question the difference between the legality of alcohol and the legality of harder drugs, the difference is quite simple. An adult can have a single drink of alcohol without being impaired.

The same cannot be said for illicit drugs. Motor skill reaction, such as driving, is impaired by 41 percent after a single dose of marijuana. Additionally, the decision making process is impaired. Responsible use of illicit drugs is, in actuality, not as easy as responsible use of alcohol.

Those with libertarian viewpoints are actually on to something when they content that drug laws should be abolished. However, their proposition should and

**"In the end, freedom is not the ability of an individual to smoke something or inject something into their vein."**

must only be considered within the larger philosophical and social context. The society that libertarians envision is one in which people are responsible for all of their own actions. In such a world, the abolition of drug laws does make some sense.

Indeed, this is a noble goal: individual responsibility and the notion that a person is responsible for the effects of their causative acts. However, present day America could not be further from this vision and is unsuited for legalized drug use.

We live in a victim-filled culture where people are not held accountable for their own actions. It is sometimes unfortunate, yet undeniable, that the actions of individuals affect those around them, including society as a whole. Man does not live on an island. The actions of one person ripple further than simply that individual's friends, family, children, neighbors and spouse, but extend out to society as a whole.

Indeed, sometimes limitations on our personal freedoms make us a freer people as a result. Ironically, restricting what a single person can do often leads to more freedom for

more people. By enacting statutes against crimes such as murder and robbery, people are more free to safely leave their homes.

Similarly, by enacting laws against driving intoxicated, law-abiding citizens are more free to use their vehicles without fear of who they are sharing the roads with. By locking a serial killer in jail and taking away virtually all of his or her freedoms, people can function in society more freely and without fear of who is lurking around the corner. Laws against drugs work in the same manner.

While some shout that we should not be regulating a person's individual actions and decisions we, in fact, perform this practice routinely. We don't allow overly offensive material to be broadcasted on our airwaves, we do not permit lewd displays in public and we don't allow physician assisted suicide. Sometimes, for the benefit of individuals as well as society, we sacrifice certain perceived freedoms in favor of social order.

The idea that drug offenses should be dismissed in our courts because the volume of cases are overwhelming is preposterous. Our legal system should not sacrifice what is right

in the name of doing what is convenient. If we had a sudden influx of murders (and subsequently an increase in murderers needing prosecution), we would not decide to grant immunity for those criminals. If thousands of accountants were found to be conducting fraudulent business, we would not provide them with asylum. The same ambition should be used when considering drug offenders.

Those in favor of drug legalization in today's world are nothing short of selfish and shortsighted. The dangerous premise of radical individualism that fuels this theory ignores many truths.

The regular consumption of drugs actually hinders a person's individual freedom, restricting them from being able to enjoy many of the joys of life. The inability of many drug abusers to attain a quality job hinders them financially, further restricting their freedom.

It has been said that drug use is a lazy man's attempt at pursuing happiness. Sadly, this pursuit very often results in something far from bliss.

In the end, freedom is not the ability of an individual to smoke something or inject something into their vein. It is instead the ability of a person to live a life as good as they make it and to pursue happiness within society. Current drug laws help facilitate this freedom for most Americans.

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# Similar Sounds In NY Radio Market

Stations Are Now Playing Same Songs, Artists

With the passing of the Thanksgiving holiday comes the inevitable reflections on the weekend that was: quality time with the family, quantities of food beyond that of the imagination and, of course, quality rock and roll on the old FM radio. That's because this was the time of year, beginning last Wednesday, when the station WAXQ (104.3 FM) counted down their "top 1,043 songs of all-time." True, that while trying to compare Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven" versus the accomplishment of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" is an exercise in endless, meaningless debate, it is refreshing to hear the bountiful selection of songs that are otherwise never heard on the radio (at least not in this market).

"Goodbye Stranger," by Supertramp, "Mr. Blue Sky," by the Electric Light Orchestra and "Slow Ride," by Foghat were just some of the songs and artists that have been all but forgotten by mainstream radio these days. But they were revived over the last week, giving Q104.3 the edge over such stations as WXRK (90.3, a.k.a. K-ROCK), WPLJ (95.5), WDHA (105.5) and WCBS (101.1, a.k.a. "Jack FM").

These stations, among the most popular in the largest market in the country, seem to play pretty much the same songs. For instance, you can often hear AC/DC's hit "Shook Me All Night Long" on the Q, K-rock and Jack FM, even though they exist as competitors to one another. Instead of branching off, they're trying to overpower each other by conglomerating the market.

It hasn't always been this way; in fact, up until last year, the New York market used to offer some diversity. K-rock would play the modern rock, Q the classic stuff, and WCBS would play the oldies. However, K-rock has been toying with its format, to the point of recently announcing its plans to change into an all-talk station.

And WCBS, whose bread and butter was music from the 60s and 70s, has now found that its baby-boomer audience has grown up and, presumably, does not offer the same listener pool that 18-34 year-olds do. Whereas one used to be able to flip through stations to radically different music, now the market has become homogenized to the tune of artists such as Bon Jovi.

We now live in an age where digital music is the popular choice for many young adults. Where the CD player used to be a novel convenience in automobiles, now it's an expected feature. And with the smashing success of the Apple iPod, thousands upon thousands of songs can be stored in a miniature library. Of course, if someone has an eclectic collection of music with a wide variety of artists, it's logical to assume that for every artist that they have, they already have their biggest hits. These are the same hits that make up the playlists of the mainstream stations. So if you already have the hit songs anyway, plus thousands of other tunes, why listen to the radio when you can preprogram your afternoon drive to the songs that you want to hear?

That was my attitude up until June, when my in-dash CD player was stolen from my car parked in the Shea Stadium parking lot. Since then, (especially since I plan on buying an iPod in the near future), I have not replaced it, and thus depend on FM radio to

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keep me humming along.

In the past I didn't mind; I would even listen to classical music when I got bored of the same old stations. Now, however, I feel like there are only a handful of stations where I can hear fresh sounds, not necessarily "new" music, but different classic rock songs than I normally do. In essence, something different than the same old "mainstream" music.

Such help can be found on a station like WMSC (90.3 FM), Montclair State University's very own underground radio station. Playing (mostly) music 24/7, and featuring a plethora of different disc jockeys, variety is a huge virtue of the campus station. Plus, as a college station, the music is played with minimal interruptions, with no commercials. However, with only ten watts with which to broadcast, it's difficult at times picking it up even on certain parts of campus, to say nothing of Essex and Passaic counties. For someone driving on the Garden State Parkway, the frequency of 90.3 is an audio black hole.

I don't expect to see any changes in the New York market anytime soon; financially, the safe move is to play the most recognizable songs, so listeners can hear familiar music. This benefits the short-term listeners flipping through the stations, and while the opposite is true for hard-core radio groupies like myself, the stations know that people like me will listen anyway because we have no other options. It's too bad that they fail to realize that for the person driving to and from work five days a week, variety is welcome and promotes loyalty to individual stations.

My solution will come in the form of my iPod (assuming I don't allow it to get stolen again), where I can program entire albums into my personal soundtrack. This is not so much about taking advantage of the latest technology, but an acquiescence to the radio world of today.

Obviously, the brass of the mainstream stations have been victorious in their efforts to play uniform, commercially attractive songs by the hour. In the wake of this victory, however, I stand as a victim of corporate near-sightedness, digital music my salvation. I can only expect that more will follow me in the upcoming years.

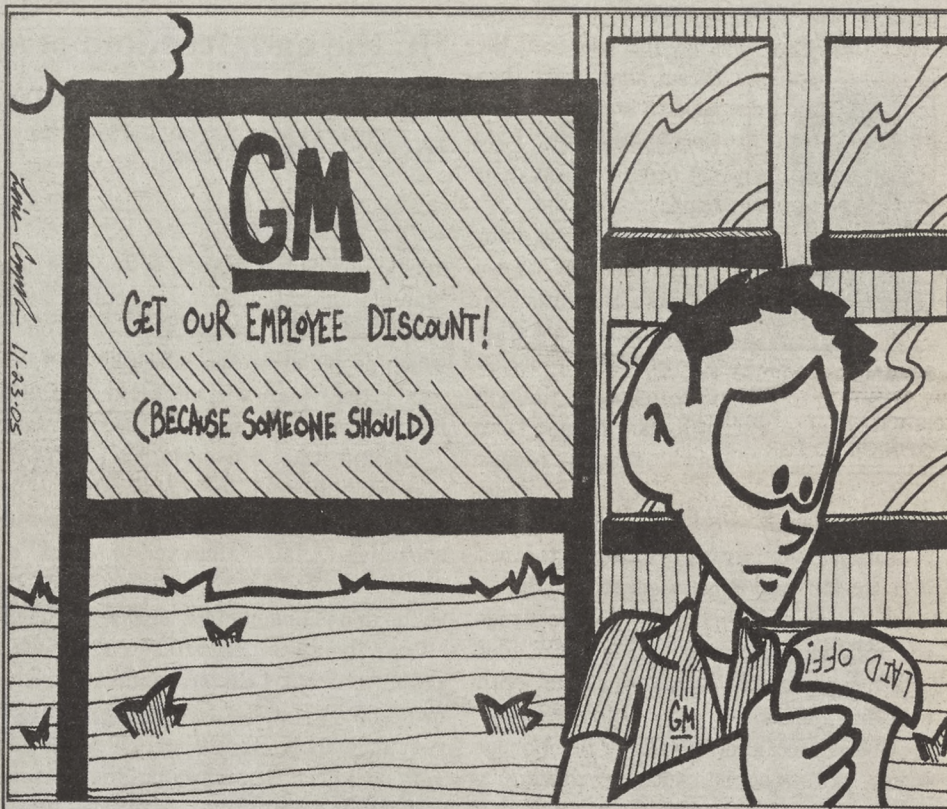
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**KARL DE VRIES**  
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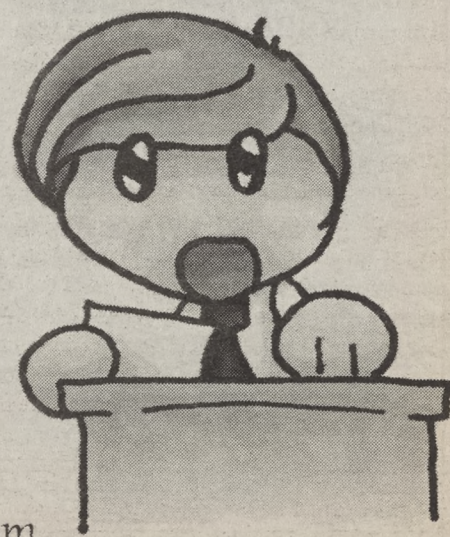
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# MSU's Sudden Parking Solution

One Student Discovers Convenience, Accessibility In Parking Decks

When I informed my family and friends that I would be attending Montclair State University this fall, their reactions were exactly the same, "excellent school, but I hear the parking stinks!" I planned on arriving extra early, even with a pass guaranteeing a spot in the N.J. Transit Deck.

**JAMIE LYNN CORYELL**  
COLUMNIST

To my surprise, I was able to park with no problem! Now as the semester draws to a close I have yet to walk from my house in Cedar Grove to class in the morning. The NJ Transit garage has allowed me to believe that parking decks are Montclair State's solution to the on-going parking dilemma.

Parking decks have proven to be a safe environment for both the student and their car. Despite the fact that a garage set up can be confusing with many jagged levels, the Transit deck is well lit and has an organized set-up. The levels are clearly marked and guide daily parkers to their cars. Each is color-coded and numbered with arrows pointing to the MSU shuttle buses.

The garages offer students a sense of security while heading to their vehicles during the day and after night classes. The enclosed area lets you safely walk to your car with outsiders kept away.

After almost an entire semester of parking at the N.J. Transit deck, I feel comfortable leaving my car all day. I am especially grateful for my parking arrangement when the weather is bad. The decks provide isolation from the rain and snow and save the driver time from cleaning off the car in the cold. Instead of wasting an extra ten minutes cleaning the snow from the car, students who park in garage facilities can just hop in their cars and start their commute home.

Perhaps the advantage of a clean and dry car after a long class makes the \$115 per semester fee worth while. Knowing that my

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car is safe from the weather and other potential hazards makes me want to inquire about parking in an enclosed deck throughout my four years at MSU.

Parking decks make it easier for the Montclair State Police to patrol and make sure the cars are safe. With most of the university parking in garages, police will find it easier to pick up on suspicious activity in the lots. They may keep track of individuals damaging surrounding cars or solicitors who may harm students. Also, crime may begin to decrease on campus if and when the parking is moved to decks.

The parking facilities provide easy access for card holders and daily parkers. The two entrances (into the Transit deck) are efficient for the amount of cars it holds. The six story set up makes it painless in finding a spot. Students with pre-paid cards know that they are guaranteed a spot, especially when they are running late in the morning. The worry of having hang tags stolen is pushed away, even though I do not understand how they are being taken out of cars. Don't people lock their cars?

Despite my sense of security, there are a few concerns with the parking garages. I have seen the police cars patrol while I was in the Transit deck only twice, making me wonder, "Is my car really being protected from other people?" Perhaps once the majority of the parking is moved to parking decks, more cops will venture through the decks and make sure they are safe.

Hopefully shuttles to and from the decks will be more punctual so that students are not late for classes. The dependability of transportation from parking to class is difficult for commuters, especially when it is too

cold to walk. Ideally, if all parking was made uniform, there would be more of an equal system in the shuttle buses.

Parking decks provide a safe environment for cars whether the student is a commuter or a resident. Cars are protected from all weather and most mischief from other students and daily parkers. These facilities will be Montclair State University's most reasonable solution to the chaos and parking dilemmas when parking!

*Jamie Lynn Coryell, a Business major, is in her first year as a columnist for The Montclarion.*

## Statistic of the Week

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## Montclarion Mailbag

Dear Editor,

In my considered and informed opinion, the *only* reason that President Susan Cole may override the recommendations of Dean Papazian and Provost Richard Lynde denying Hiram Perez's tenure is my early-on and current respectful admonition that they would then be denying tenure to the only full-time male Black faculty member of the 33 member English Dept and that such a decision, in view of Montclair State University's commitment to Affirmative Action, might be considered poor judgement on their part.

The English Department would then have no full-time Male Black faculty member: None. In all likelihood, Drs. Cole, Lynde and Papazian were unaware of this paucity until I gently and respectfully brought this to their attention.

For whatever reason, the English Department has been loath to note that paucity or the soon-to-be absence of full-time Black males, even though I personally have continually pointed out the situation.

Please hear this: One of the stated missions of Montclair State University is to attain the status of a recognized Research University, able to grant Ph.D. degrees in the Humanities & Social Sciences. Research Universities (top-rate, or at least B+ uni-

versities) require (rightly) that its faculty publish and continue to publish, books. And so I fully agree with Drs. Cole, Lynde and Papazian, that the emphasis on all faculty, but especially on those up for tenure or promotion, should be on their demonstrated ability to write and publish books.

My own feeling, right or wrong, that some faculty in the English Department and elsewhere in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, is that they are terrified that this Research Univ. criterion will be applied now and in the future to them and that, judging from past publication history, they may not be able to come up to this new mission-criterion. (I use terrified in its gentle, milder connotations: agitated, upset, perturbed, and disquieted.)

Ergo, the only way that Susan Cole may decide on Dec. 9 to override Drs. Lynde and Papazian's recommendations is to consider my respectful and gentle admonition that to let Hiram Perez go would mean that there would be no full-time Black male faculty member in a department of 33. This would be a case of poor judgment.

Ted Price  
Professor  
English Department

## Question of The Week

How sanitary do you think MSU facilities are?



**ALEX RIVERA**

Year: Junior  
Major: Broadcasting

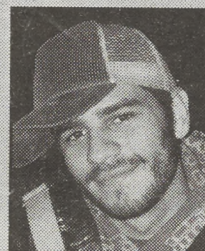
"I don't usually use the facilities here. As soon as I enter the bathroom, I must leave because it just isn't clean. I go to my own bathroom; I can wait."



**RALPH ANDRE**

Year: Senior  
Major: Graphic Design

"I find the sanitary conditions to be way cleaner than it was years ago. I feel much more comfortable eating at the cafeteria."



**ARIEL OCASIO**

Year: Junior  
Major: Music

"I think the facilities are fairly clean, though I think the men's room in the music building can be cleaned a little more often. It smells yucky."



**HOWARD BATCHELOR**

Year: Junior  
Major: Marketing

"The facilities are pretty clean, especially the bathroom in College Hall. They could clean the silverware in Blanton Hall a little better."



**SHAUNAY KORNEGAY**

Year: Sophomore  
Major: Education

"The dining facilities are clean enough for me to comfortable when eating there. Generally, MSU facilities are at an okay level when considering the argument as to whether or not they're sanitary."



**MORGAN LEWIS**

Year: Sophomore  
Major: Education

"The restroom facilities are okay. I think housekeeping should be everyday instead of once a week, especially in community bathrooms."



**REGINA FOWLER**

Year: Sophomore  
Major: Biology

"The facilities are not horribly disgusting. They can be cleaner, but overall they're okay."

*Question of the Week opinions are views expressed by the students of Montclair State University, and are not necessarily the views of The Montclarion.*

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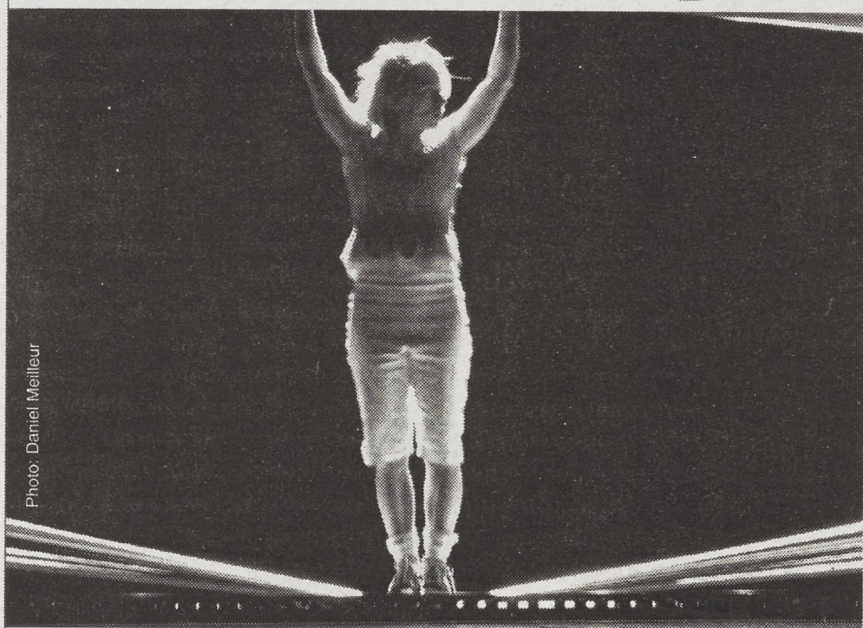
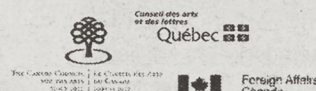
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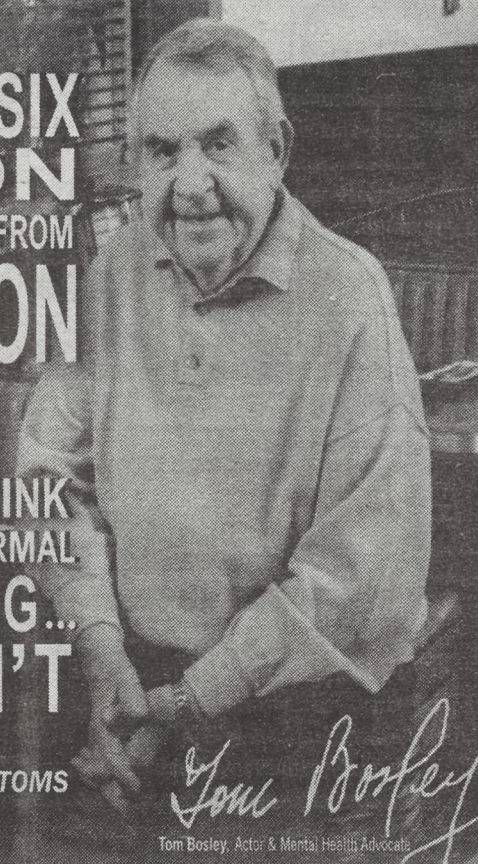
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## Sagittarius

(November 22 – December 20)

Financial increase, new investments or large purchases are now a key theme. Over the next 12 days, many Sagittarians will evaluate long-term career potential or plan revised budgets. Discuss all new projects with loved ones: shared ideas will bring positive results.

## Capricorn

(December 21 – January 19)

Over the next five days, romantic overtures are difficult to resist. New friends or potential lovers will soon challenge your views, propose mildly unethical encounters or disrupt daily habits. Carefully consider all invitations and proposals: by mid-December, key decisions may be required.

## Aquarius

(January 20 – February 17)

Social relations are now emotionally complex and draining. Before mid-week, watch for friends or work mates to publicly review past events, challenge established ideas or cancel last minute invitations.

## Pisces

(February 18 – March 19)

Loved ones may this week require affirmation concerning family identity or their role in the group. Schedule extra activities, if possible, and offer creative ideas: in the coming weeks social involvement and family trust needs to increase.

## Aries

(March 20 – April 19)

Before mid-week, close relationships may experience a subtle but important phase of disagreement. Freedom versus restriction in the home, new promises and social boredom are now a strong theme.

## Taurus

(April 20 – May 20)

Business negotiations are this week delicate but worthwhile: after Tuesday, expect key officials to offer unique workplace improvements or long-term financial solutions. Don't hesitate to publicly state your plans: leadership and group confidence will be rewarded. Later this week, fresh group encounters and creative activities will help build social interest.

## Gemini

(May 21 – June 20)

Sensuality and romantic trust now demand special wisdom and extra dedication. Geminis born after 1971 may this week be presented with a unique choice between a short-term attraction and a long-term commitment.

## Cancer

(June 21 – July 21)

Long-term relationships may this week experience new levels of intimacy. Before mid-week, home enjoyment, family trust and revised social promises are a key source of comfort. Ask loved ones for extra time or dedication: over the next 12 days, group acceptance is on the rise.

## Leo

(July 22 – August 21)

A sudden flash of wisdom may now clarify strained relationships. After Tuesday, complex triangles, family decisions or rare romantic differences may become a central theme in key relationships. Social timing will prove vital to success: study all observations or insights before revealing your concerns.

## Virgo

(August 22 – September 21)

Home discussions and private negotiations will now work to your advantage. Early this week, expect long-term friends and close relatives to boldly ask for your opinion. Areas affected are planned events, group relations or repeated family patterns.

## Libra

(September 22 – October 22)

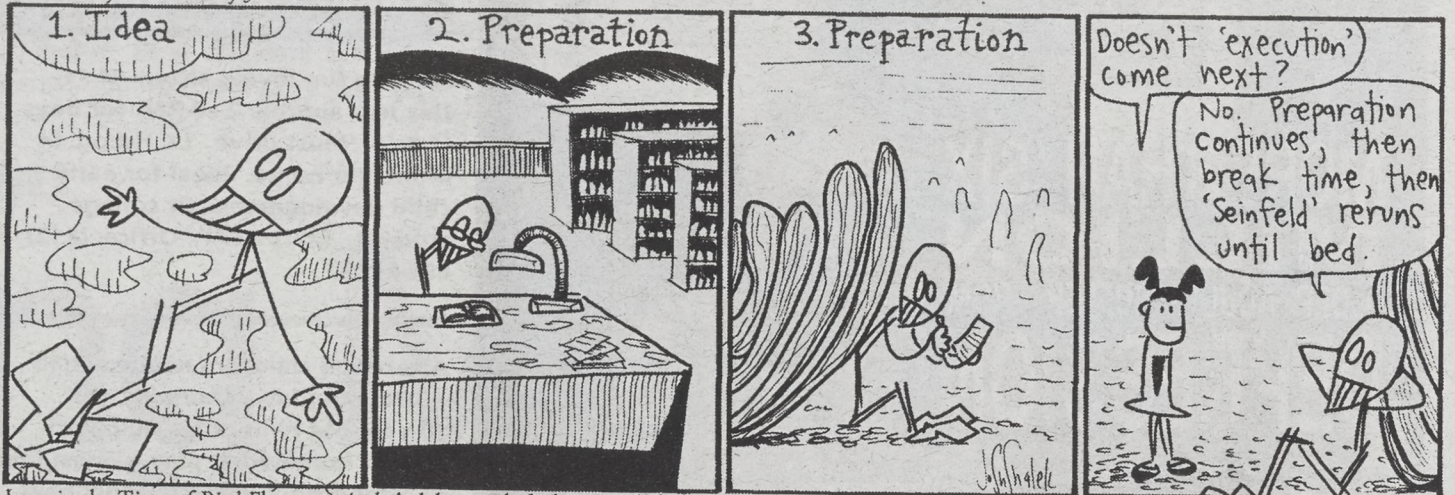
Yesterday's romantic promises will this week require further discussion. Monday through Thursday, expect loved ones or long-term friends to question your past obligations or challenge your ongoing social choices.

## Scorpio

(October 23 – November 21)

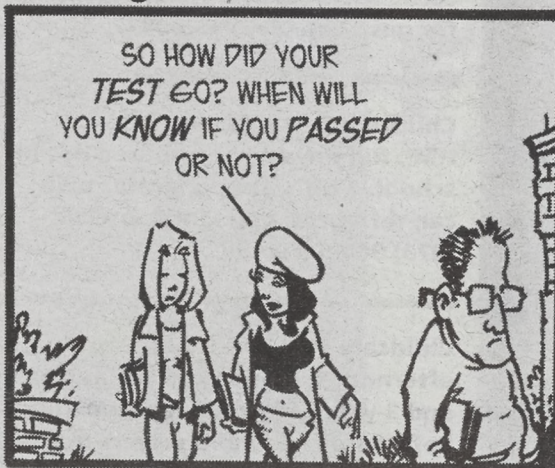
Group politics are this week dramatic and unpredictable: after Monday, pay attention to the social needs of younger friends and silent colleagues. Over the next six days, hidden resentments may rise quickly to the surface. An honest reaction is best: remain empathetic and expect others to follow your lead.

The Family Monster by Josh Shalek

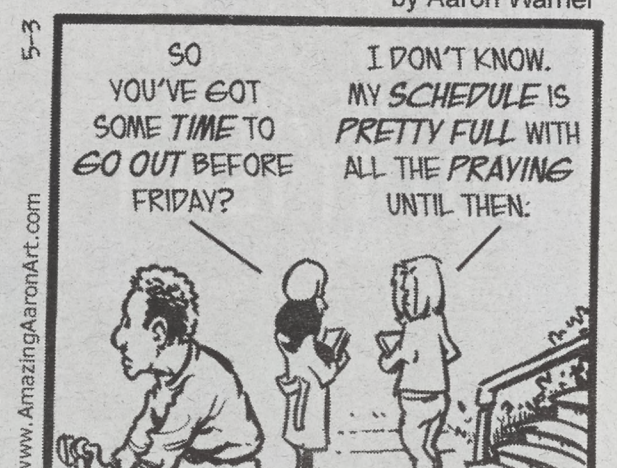


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## A College Girl Named Joe



THEY POST THE GRADES AT THE END OF THE WEEK, SO I'LL FIND OUT THEN



by Aaron Warner



"It's a commitment bracelet... woven with hair cut from the heads of my former lovers who defiled the idea of the bracelet."



A stickler for consistency, Chief Edwards insisted on appropriate uniforms for his "Drag-net."

## Sudoku #6

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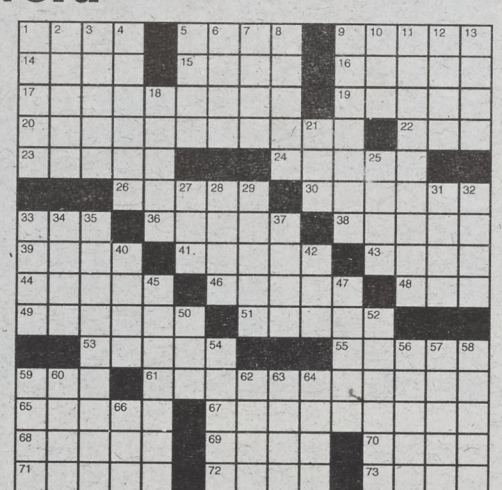
Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Rip-off
  - Tony Orlando's group
  - Lane-crossing turns
  - Volcanic flow
  - Lotion additive
  - Portion out
  - Business managers
  - List of candidates
  - Traveling on foot
  - Stitch
  - Sen. Kefauver
  - Pulverize
  - Springs
  - Investigations
  - Atlas image
  - Bed supports
  - Eat soup
  - impolitely
  - Checkup
  - Summer ermine
  - Hodgepodge
  - Sprites
  - Lean lover of rhyme
  - Wager
  - Ribbed
  - Epic tales
  - Proportional relationship
  - Does' mates
  - Overflow letters
  - Spielberg movie extra?
  - Bizarre
  - Strait entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence
  - Take out bows
  - Unemployed
  - Thunder peal
  - WWII surrender site
  - the line (obeyed)
  - Experiment

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- 15 Minor devil
- 16 Fly single
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- 20 Part of HOMES
- 21 Catch sight of
- 22 Bump into
- 23 Car shaft
- 24 Tenor Luciano
- 25 Poet Teasdale
- 26 Flat-topped hill
- 27 Running game
- 28 Seats for several
- 29 Try some
- 30 Fade out
- 31 Rigorous
- 32 Planet's path
- 33 Path to the altar
- 34 Celebrations
- 35 Caught a few winks
- 36 Go off, as milk
- 37 Ancient letter
- 38 Decorate anew
- 39 Fashion magazine
- 40 Iditarod ride
- 41 Tire support



# All The Second Half NFL You Can Get

## The New Past Time Has Arrived Again

Mike Johnson  
Sports Editor

Forget about baseball being the National Past Time. If it weren't the Yankees and Red Sox rivalry that had baseball fans captivated for the past few years, baseball would be floundering.

Every Thanksgiving, families stuff themselves full of turkey, stuffing, potatoes and football.

Traditionally, there are two games every Thanksgiving which usually star the Dallas Cowboys and the Detroit Lions since 1934. If you look at the entire day as a football game, maybe it would make more sense why football is the main attraction of the day. The early game is like the first half. Then you have the food, which is the half time show and, finally, you have the late game which is the final stretch. After that, all there is left is the post game talk about all of the action that happened during the games.

For years, fans had seen players like Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith and Troy Aikman make big plays and make the day more than a reason to get the entire family together.

For more than 10 years, football fans had a chance to see these play-makers every

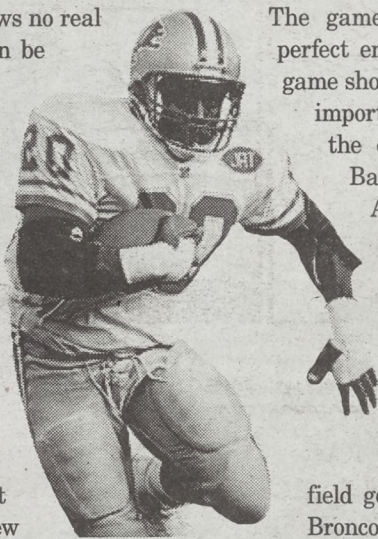
tion even though Detroit shows no real reason why they should even be in the spotlight anymore.

What ever happened to the days of knowing what to expect on Thanksgiving Day?

Everyone expected the Falcons to get a win against the Lions, but no one really expected them to do what they did. They really gave Detroit no chance at winning the ballgame. The game was as one-sided as it can get and it wasn't until the last few

The game turned out to be the perfect end to a perfect day. The game showed signs of life, but more importantly, it showed signs of the old days. It showed us Barry Sanders-like runs, Aikman-like passes and Irvin-esque catches.

The game came down to the wire and featured a 55-yard overtime run by backup running back, Ron Dayne, which set up the game-winning field goal by Jason Elam of the Broncos.



## The Editors' Picks

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Managing Editor

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Arizona over San Francisco

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Overall Record 52-35 (.596) Upset Pick 2-4

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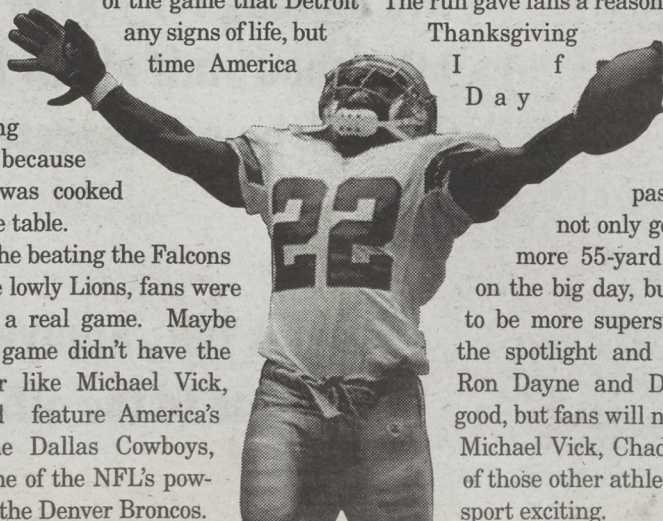
minutes showed by that of the game that Detroit any signs of life, but time America

was losing interest because the bird was cooked and on the table.

After the beating the Falcons put on the lowly Lions, fans were ready for a real game. Maybe this next game didn't have the playmaker like Michael Vick, but it did feature America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys, against one of the NFL's powerhouses, the Denver Broncos.

The run gave fans a reason to really cheer on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving football is becoming America's new-past time, there is not only going to have to be more 55-yard touchdown runs on the big day, but there will have to be more superstars to take over the spotlight and shine. After all, Ron Dayne and Drew Bledsoe are good, but fans will need to see more of Michael Vick, Chad Johnson and all of those other athletes that make the sport exciting.



## Jay Feely Costs Giants First Place

Mike Johnson  
Sports Editor

As Jay Feely stood and watched his last field goal attempt fall short, the cheers rang out in the stadium and all throughout Seattle.

It was his fifth and final field goal attempt of the day and his third unsuccessful try. He had initially missed from 40 yards away in regulation which would have given them their eighth win of the season, tying them with the Seahawks for the best record in the NFC and would have given them sole possession of first place in their division.

He then missed in overtime from 54 and 45 yards away, which were certainly makeable, but were not easy. But I guess that is what comes along with the job of being a kicker.

The ex-Falcons could only be happy that he wasn't still with Atlanta because then he would have made a fool of himself on national television instead of just

doing it locally.

Seattle's Josh Brown put the game-winning overtime field goal through the uprights shortly after and sent the Giants home wondering what could have been. Although the Seahawks came away with the win and the NFC's best record, they can't exactly point their fingers at Feely. Seattle basically did everything in their power to hand the win over to

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New York.

A team that allows two overtime field goal attempts cannot exactly hold their heads high at the end of a game no matter if they win or lose.

The Giants now find themselves tied with the Dallas Cowboys who lost an overtime thriller themselves on Thanksgiving Day. This Sunday will give each team a chance to redeem themselves when they meet up in New York at Giants Stadium.

Each team will be trying to prove that they deserve to be the number one team in their division and the winner will be just that. But will fans be cheering for Feely when he takes the field or will he be greeted by the boo-birds?

Only time will tell whether the fans will accept the first-year Giant back into their hearts or if he will be cast out until he makes a game-winning field goal, but if Feely ever gets the opportunity again, will he come through or will he fall just short again?

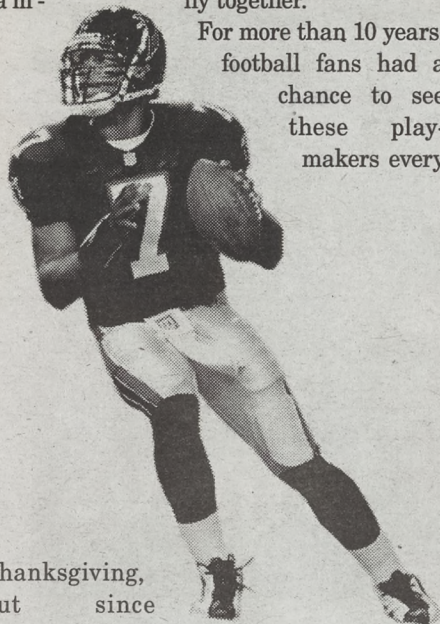
Thanksgiving, but since Emmitt Smith left the Cowboys in 2002, we have not seen any of these athletes perform on the big day.

A new wave of athletes are now taking over. These are the players who care about slapping high-fives and dancing their way to the sidelines after a big play. Throughout the past few seasons, we have seen players celebrate by making calls on cell phones, proposing to cheerleaders, mock mooning the crowd or even putting the football with a pillion. Emmitt Smith's biggest show off move was taking his helmet off after a score, which he was penalized for.

This year, we got to see one of the biggest playmakers take the field on Thanksgiving Day and impress us all and not do a showy celebration.

Michael Vick and his Atlanta Falcons visited the Detroit Lions, who have had the worst record in the NFL since 2001, which had been three years since Barry Sanders retired.

It seems that the big game on the big day has become less meaningful to the NFL. Just the fact that they will not break tradi-







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## SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTION

On Wednesday, September 23, 1992, Manon Rheaume made sports history by being the first female to do what?

### LAST EDITION'S QUESTION

Can you name the "Original Six" teams in hockey?

### ANSWER TO LAST EDITION'S QUESTION

Detroit Red Wings, Chicago Blackhawks, New York Rangers, Montreal Canadiens, Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs

## Match 'Em

Match these NFL players to their alma mater

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1.) Trent Green         | Hawaii          |
| 2.) Brad Johnson        | Maryland        |
| 3.) Shaun Alexander     | Florida         |
| 4.) Ron Dayne           | Alcorn State    |
| 5.) Jason Elam          | Wisconsin       |
| 6.) Plaxico Burress     | Alabama         |
| 7.) Brian Finneran      | Miami (Florida) |
| 8.) Fred Taylor         | Miami (Ohio)    |
| 9.) Bubba Franks        | Indiana         |
| 10.) Jake Plummer       | Michigan State  |
| 11.) Donald Driver      | Texas           |
| 12.) LaMont Jordan      | Villanova       |
| 13.) Nathan Vasher      | Arizona State   |
| 14.) Ben Roethlisberger | Florida State   |

Answers: 1 - Trent Green, Indiana 2 - Brad Johnson, Florida State 3 - Shaun Alexander, Alabama 4 - Ron Dayne, Wisconsin 5 - Jason Elam, Hawaii 6 - Plaxico Burress, Michigan State 7 - Brian Finneran, Villanova 8 - Fred Taylor, Florida 9 - Bubba Franks, Miami (Florida) 10 - Jake Plummer, Michigan State 11 - Donald Driver, Alcorn State 12 - LaMont Jordan, Maryland 13 - Nathan Vasher, Arizona State 14 - Ben Roethlisberger, Miami (Ohio)

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Ramapo	0-1	2-1
William Paterson	0-1	2-2
Rowan	0-1	1-1
NJCU	0-1	1-2
Rutgers-Camden	0-1	0-3

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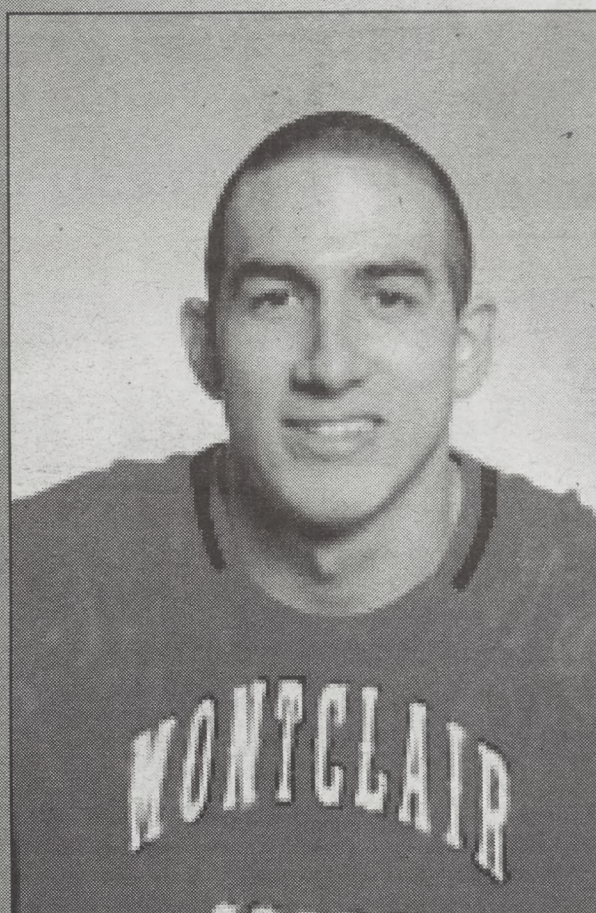
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# Player of The Week

## GIAN PAUL GONZALEZ

### BASKETBALL

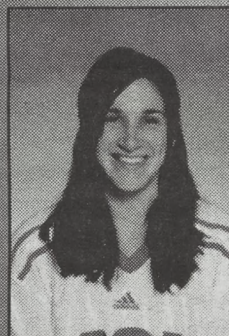


Senior  
Hometown: North Haldeon, NJ

Gian Paul scored 40 points with nine rebounds and two assists in MSU's 89-82 win over NJCU.

## Honorable Mentions

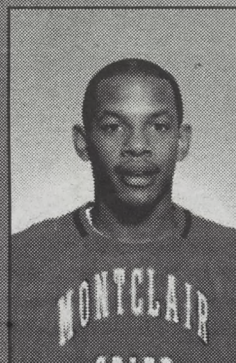
### BASKETBALL



STEPHANIE MACHIN  
Junior  
Hometown: New Providence, NJ

Machin posted 12 points with 13 rebounds, two assists and one steal in MSU's win over NJCU.

### BASKETBALL



JAMAL FORD  
Senior  
Hometown: Secaucus, NJ

Ford scored 18 points and had seven rebounds and three steals in the Red Hawks win over NJCU.

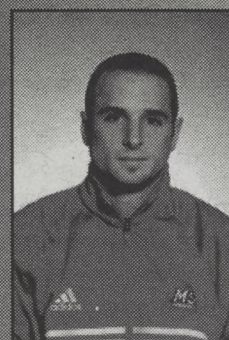
### BASKETBALL



MICHELLE MADEJ  
Sophomore  
Hometown: Morris Plains, NJ

Michelle had twelve points and one rebound, assist and steal in the Red Hawk win.

### WRESTLING



DERRICK GODUTO  
Senior  
Hometown: Stanhope, NJ

Derrick won the title for the 133 pound class and is now 4-0 on the season.





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## The Hardest Things To Do In Sports

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### Blocking a Soccer Penalty Shot:

If a player is awarded a penalty shot in a soccer game, there really isn't any reason why they shouldn't score. The goalie must defend the shot against a single shooter 12



courtesy of usatoday.com

**Briana Scurry's save of a penalty shot by China's Liu Ying in the 1999 World Cup was a turning point for the sport in this country.**

yards away at the penalty marker. The ball hits the net in under a second leaving the goalkeeper with even less than that to react. With the ball traveling anywhere from 60-80 mph many stay frozen, unable to move quickly enough to make a decision one way or another. The best way, and probably the only way to defend it is to just guess based on the opponents eyes and position. The standard regulation goal size is eight feet high by 24 feet wide, if you kick it to either corner you will get a goal. Even the best goalkeepers lose this match most of the time.

**Interesting Fact:** Since 1982 there have been 15 games decided by shootouts in World Cup play. Out of twelve combined shots on goal for a regulation shootout, the scoring percentage is barely over 50 percent. Italy has been on the short end of these shootouts three times this stretch.

**Punt Return Touch Down:** Just picture yourself standing alone simultaneously watching the football fly towards you and seeing 10 huge football players running as fast as they can with only one thing on their mind... you. This is a weekly scene for punt-returns in high school, college, and in the pros. It's tough enough deciding

between a fair catch and running the ball, but after they actually get the ball, the runner is lucky to get more than ten yards before getting hit, or possibly even fumbling. It is very easy to lose a game because of a bad punt return.

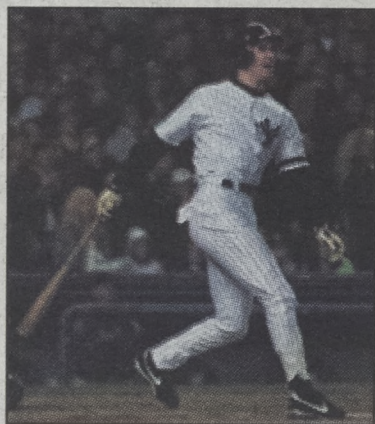
**Interesting Fact:** So far this season in the NFL there have been a total of 351 fair catches out of 853 punts. Teams have combined to score only five touchdowns.

### Going Twelve Rounds in a Heavyweight Boxing Match:

36 minutes doesn't seem like much unless you are getting your head beat in for every second of it. Going twelve rounds at any weight class is a difficult feat, but to do it in a heavyweight bout is much tougher. These guys are huge bruisers who are not trying to go the distance, they are trying to get a knockout. So along with being hit over and over again, they are exhausting themselves by throwing their own punches, and by moving around the ring.

**Interesting Fact:** Since 1986 there have been 12 heavyweight boxing world championship matches that went 12 rounds and were decided by TKO.

**Hitting a Fastball:** Baseball is the only sport where being successful only 30 percent of the time can get you into the Hall of Fame. Hitting a round ball with a round stick is very difficult. Throw in defenders, a foul ground and velocities as high as 100 mph, and odds are good that you won't get a hit. Luckily there's a strike zone and you don't



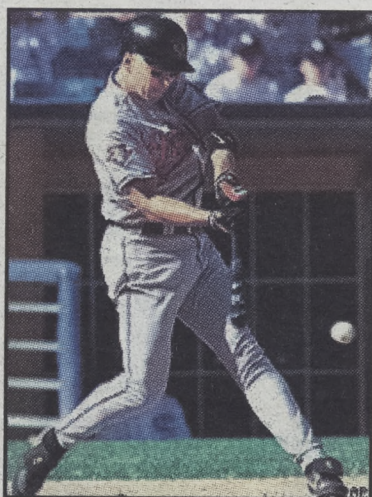
courtesy of MLB.com

**Paul O'Neil had been one of the best hitters of his era. O'Neil mastered the art of hitting the fastball.**

always have to swing, but there's only about a second to decide.

**Interesting Fact:** Homeruns and

a high batting average don't always go together. In 2004 Adam Dunn of the Cincinnati Reds finished with



courtesy of MLB.com

**Cal Ripken Jr. holds the record for most consecutive games played.**

46 homers, two behind the league leader. However he bat just .266 that year and also set the single season record for the most strikeouts by a batter, 195.

**Running a Marathon:** Sure P-Diddy and Oprah did it, but have you? Running five or six miles isn't easy for the average person, 26.2 miles is a very long distance. It's the type of distance that seems to grow as you are running it. Marathoners have to be disciplined, well trained and able to take pain. No matter how good the runner they will feel pain in various places on their bodies. Dehydration is also a concern as running over such a long period of time is going to cause your body to lose water.

**Interesting Fact:** Bill Rodgers of the United States holds the record for the most NYC marathon wins with four. He won them consecutively, and in the next three years, 1980 - 1982, Alberto Salazar all of the races to be second on the all-time winner's list.

### Set Consecutive Games Played record:

Not only is it hard enough to play an entire season in any major sport without getting injured or just feeling tired, but it is one of the most difficult things to do to play for ten years or more without missing a single game. A lot of superstars compile big numbers over their careers but always miss a few games due to whatever, but a real superstar is the one that shows up to play every day.

**Interesting Fact:** Cal Ripken Jr.

holds the MLB record with 2,632 consecutive games played. That means he played 16 and a half years without missing a single game.

Tennis players strive to get as much speed on their serves as possible. the harder the serve and more movement on the ball means less of a chance for the opponent to return the serve. Many players practice their entire careers and still cannot control their serve enough to bring it much over 120 mph, but to raise it another 30 mph means to bring your game to the next level. When a player scores an "ace," he serves the ball to his opponent and gets no return. In order to do that, a player has to put a lot of speed and movement on the ball. He must do all of this and hit the ball in a small area,

**Interesting Fact:** The fastest serve ever was 163.6 mph recorded by William Tatem Tilden in 1931. Think about it! 163 mph!

**Kick a field goal:** Kickers in the NFL have one of the toughest jobs in all of sports. The team gets the ball as far as they can get and when they cannot go any further, the kickers come onto the field and are expected to make every field goal they attempt. Well, it doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes teams expect too much from their kicker and ask them to make field goals that are just impossible. Whether playing in a dome with no wind, in Chicago where the wind will blow the ball 10 feet to the right or left, or in Denver where the air is thin, the kicker must perform his duty. Ever try kicking a football? Your probably not that good at it. Try kicking it 63 yards!

**Interesting Fact:** On November 8, 1975, Tom Dempsey set a NFL record by kicking a 63-yard field goal and stood as the sole owner of the record until Jason Elam tied his mark in 1998.

**Hit a golf ball accurately:** Golf may possibly be the hardest sport there is. It's you against the course. There are no teammates to blame and you're only playing against yourself. Psyche is a big part of it. If you can overcome all of that, your next move is to actually hit the ball, which isn't as easy as it looks. There are plenty more places on the golf course that

you don't want to hit the ball than there are places you want to hit it. If more needs to be said of this matter, you obviously never tried to hit a golf ball in your life. Go to the driving range, buy a bucket of balls and try to hit a mark on the range. Oh, and try hitting it far!

**Interesting Fact:** Mike Austin holds the record for the longest drive off of a tee. "Mighty" Mike Austin sent the ball 515 yards!

**Throw a ball accurately:** Whether it is a baseball, football, or any kind of ball, it is one of the hardest things to do to throw it. You may have a good arm and can heave it further than any of your friends, but in order to throw it accurately, consistently and precisely enough to get it where it needs to be without throwing out your arm. You may think you're good, but try hitting a receiver in the chest from 40 yards away while he's running. You can even try throwing a 100 mph fastball down the middle of the plate without a batter standing there. After you have mastered that, try striking someone out. Then, if you can do all of these things, try striking out 20 batters in a single game. Then, try doing that over the span of an entire career. Maybe by that time, you will be noticed.

**Interesting Fact:** According to Spudart.org, the longest throw of a football is 213.3 yards set in 1934 by George Lansborough in Boxelder, Texas. The fastest pitch ever in major league baseball history was recorded at 103 mph in 1999 by Matt Anderson of the Detroit Tigers.



courtesy of ESPN.com

**Andy Roddick's serves have been clocked at 155 mph. No one has recently come close to reaching that mark.**